



MEADOWLARK LEMON, number one clown with the Harlem Globetrotters, is just one of the many outstanding basketball players who will be at Reynolds Coliseum on Monday, March 14th. The Harlem Globetrotters, known as the "magicians of basketball," have brought fun and laughter to people all over the world with their antics on the hardwood court. When the "Trotters" are in town there is sure to be an evening of fun, laughter and enjoyment for the whole family.



ST. PAUL'S COACH CONVALESCING - Robert Smith, for six years the head football and basketball coach at St. Paul's College, relaxes in his home on the Lawrenceville, Va., campus after a six-week stay in a Richmond, Va., hospital. Hospitalization required when his right foot became badly infected. Surgery was finally decided upon by the attending physicians. Coach Smith's basketball coaching duties were taken over for the final 12 games of the season by Athletic Director Joseph E. Thompson. The Tigers completed their schedule with a ten won and eight lost record.



PLAYED HIS HEART OUT AND CRIED HIS HEART OUT - James A. Grant, member of top-seeded Norfolk State Spartans, and 1965 champions, is shown after his team was defeated Saturday night by the Winston-Salem Rams in the final game. Grant played a stellar game and found himself heartbroken when his team lost. The unidentified young lady in the back could have been an inspiration should she have only tapped him on the shoulder and said, "Be of good cheer."

### Cassius' Cousin Stars In Movie "Beau Geste"

Marcello (Mark) Clay, cousin of the world boxing champ, has been set by producer Walter Seltzer to portray a legionnaire in the French Foreign Legion epic, "Beau Geste," starring Telly Savalas, Guy Stockwell and Doug McClure. Clay received wide acclaim two years ago when he became the first Negro to work as a stand-in for a white star. Jack Palance selected the young actor to be his stand-in on the popular TV series, "The Greatest Show on Earth" and Clay remained with the show for a year before becoming an actor himself. Since then he's appeared on "Hawaiian Eye," "Once A Thief" and a TV pilot film with Robert Taylor. The 23-year-old thespian studied acting with Hollywood's Reuben Plaskov, who coached the inimitable Marilyn Monroe. Clay also served as a director with the Los Angeles Players' Company.

### Jones Replaces Brown In Oscar Peterson Trio

Recording artist Oscar Peterson and his trio are losing a member. Ray Brown - the foremost jazz bassist - is retiring to live in Southern California after 15 years with the Peterson group. Replacing Brown in the Peterson unit is Sam Jones, formerly of the Cannonball Adderly group. The Pittsburgh-born Brown who has consistently swept all jazz critics and readership polls-both national and international - will devote his time to his music publishing business. Brown has published a

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

by Charles J. Livingston

### WAY TO STARDOM BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Since the days of former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, modern-day Negro athletes have found a painful but sure way to fame and stardom. The recipe: crack the race taboo in a sport hitherto closed to their race!

Jackie Robinson did it in baseball and won immortal fame, fortune and a niche in the sports-hallowed Hall of Fame.

Hard-driving Charlie Sifford battled almost singlehandedly to break into the Professional Golfers association, and won a place of eminence among the game's premiere golfers.

Arthur Ashe had the unique and testing experience of having to follow in the footsteps of the great Althea Gibson, who rose from paddle tennis on the sidewalk of New York City's Harlem to become the first Negro woman tennis champion.

But Arthur scored his own mark by becoming America's "first" tan Davis Cupper and is now ranked No. 2 among the nation's tennis stars.

Now it has come about that another Negro is about to climb to the principle of a sport in which Negroes are virtual strangers in national and international competition.

The newest taboo-buster in sports is a 14-year-old ice skater named Atoy (pronounced "AY-toy") Wilson, the toast of Hollenbeck Junior High school in East Los Angeles. Wilson is cut from the same cloth as the Negro pioneer greats since Louis.

He is doggedly determined; settles for nothing less than excellence, and is willing to make the necessary sacrifice, a la Jackie Robinson, to reach the top.

This combination of determination, hard work, perseverance, and willingness to battle against trying odds, is already paying off handsomely for Wilson, who has been riding the silver skates since he was 7. The only Negro to compete in the nationals (he was second in 1965), Wilson is the newly-crowned novice men's figure skating champion.

But is Wilson content to be a nation champion? Certainly not. He wants international stardom, and therein lies the sore of drive that is carrying him to the top. The kid is a perfectionist.

Wilson's goal-although he is modestly not saying it out loud-is to win the Olympics men's figure skating championship, quite a task for a youngster his age. But he is determined to succeed, and wants to be ready when the grand moment comes.

His target: the 1972 Olympic

pies. "I don't think I'll be ready for the '68," he says. But in the meantime, he'll be shooting for as many national honors as possible.

As a performer, Wilson moves with the featherlike precision of a Sugar Ray Robinson in the ring, meaning that he is a picture of grace and poise. His moves are effortless, except for one tricky maneuver which he hasn't quite mastered yet.

This is a 2 1/2-spin called the "Double Axel," named for Axel Paulsen, a Swede who first executed the dangerous but beautiful maneuver. But Wilson is confident he'll soon master that, too.

Yet, had Wilson been campaigning in a sport that is already thronged by other tan stars, his rise to the top would not have been as spectacular or noteworthy. He is in a sport that is nearly novel to Negroes, and therein lies his bid for immortality.

In this respect, he is like Jackie Robinson, who switched from football to baseball, to storm the race barrier in that sport. Wilson's other sports specialty is mountain-climbing, and he is good at that, too.

Slim, trim, and quick on his feet, Wilson works hard at his craft. He is up at 4:30 each weekly morning so he can begin practice skating at the Culver City ice rink at 5. Then it's off to school and back again to the rink in the afternoon for two more hours of practice skating.

But he is not alone at the rink, and this is another straw in his cap. There are other eager (white) youngsters there, too, and so Wilson has a chance to technically compete against them and compare style. But he stays ahead of the field in fitness and agility and intends to maintain the advantage. So when he enters formal competition, he does so with more confidence than usual.

There is still another factor working big for Wilson. He has the cooperation of those nearest to him. Like "Chappie" Blackburn who worked feverishly to help Louis win the heavyweight crown, so are Wilson's parents determined to see him "go the top."

When Mrs. Thelma Wilson and her husband, Atoy, Sr., a foreman with the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Dept., first noticed that their boy had an inclination toward skating, they didn't try to turn him away from the sport with the stereotype warning that "it doesn't hold much promise for a Negro." Instead they encouraged him.

"We told Atoy: This has to be an all-or-nothing activity for you if you're going to compete. There's no sense going at it half-way and expecting to win," Mrs. Atoy recalled.

### WIN DESPITE ERRORS

DURHAM -- After a sloppy first half, North Carolina's Lee Davis, a six-foot, seven-inch sophomore from Raleigh, sparked the Eagles to a 73-64 win over Morgan State's Bears. In the cage encounter, NCC committed numerous errors, but Morgan State's lack of teamwork enabled the fumbling Eagles to romp to a win on the strength of Davis' 24 points.



CONCERT ARTIST -- Pianist, presented a concert in North Carolina at the N. Duke Auditorium, Wednesday, March 2, 1966. Pianist, who recently returned from a tour of Egypt, will perform a concerto she composed in the country. The program will include a symphony in Egypt, 1946, and a concerto for piano and orchestra, 1946.



RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO AT A&T -- Nearly 6,000 music lovers packed the A&T College Charles Moore Gymnasium last week to hear the Ramsey Lewis Trio in a jazz concert. Lewis signs autographs as he was besieged by students. The students are, from left to right: Naomi Long, Louisiana; Sara Johnson, West Cramerton, N. C.; Nancy Waddell, Staten Island, New York; and Priscilla Glenn, Winston-Salem.

### Eagles Add Kentucky To Schedule

DURHAM -- North Carolina College has added Kentucky State College to its 1966 football slate, according to a schedule released this week by NCC athletic director James M. Younce. The Kentucky Thoroughbreds are replacing St. Augustine's College on the Eagles' list.



CONTINUES DAILY WORKOUTS - Pleasantville, N. J.: While the controversy over his March title fight with Cassius Clay spread to the Illinois Crime Commission's Executive Director, challenger Ernie Terrell continued his daily workouts here. The director, Charles Siragusa said Feb. 22 it is "an insult to the people of Illinois to permit a man like Clay who swears allegiance to an admitted cult of violence to reap a harvest of cash from the very citizens he has insulted with his whining attempts to avoid the draft." The Illinois Boxing Commission will meet Feb. 25 to reconsider the matter of the fight which is slated for 15 rounds in the Chicago Amphitheatre. (UPI PHOTO.)

### Blues Top Dillard Hi

BY ROBERT E. BRIDGES With Jesse Clements and Jimmy Robinson leading the way, Ligon's Little Blues defeated Dillard here last Wednesday night, 80-69. Clements, a senior playing his last home game, scored his all-time high of 28 points. He was second only to Robinson in rebounding.

Robinson, the 6-5 workhorse of the Little Blues, followed the victory was Ligon's 16th in 20 games, while it is 9-1 in the conference. Following Clements and Robinson for Ligon was Robert Drakeford with 12, Ratcliff 4, Melvin 7, and Jones 2. Ford and Jolley led Dillard attack with 17 and 15 points, respectively.

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### Negro Heads Drive For Golf Club

DENVER (UPI) -- Following charges by local Negroes that the Park Hill Golf Club practiced racial discrimination in its use of club facilities, a Negro employee, Jim Gross, was placed in charge of a membership campaign.

Robert O. Shearer, president of the club, said the club is up for sale. He said, he wanted to sell the golf club because of hardships suffered by the death of his brother, who usually handled most of the club's business.

Shearer claimed the policies under protest by Negroes are primarily dictated by the landlord through the Clayton Trust Company which specified that the property was to be used by poor white male orphans.

The club was founded by Shearer in 1930. He said Negroes are now welcome to use the facilities of the club. Recently, Mayor Tom Curran came under fire when it was revealed that he signed a new five-year lease for the property, inadvertently promoting discrimination.

The mayor said he did not remember signing the lease and if he did sign it, it was an "oversight" on his part.

Shearer said there are two things in the conditional sale of the club. One is that present employees be maintained in their present positions and that he receive a fair price for the club.

The club has five employees and is located in the city's "high ground" area. According to reports, United Airlines is constructing a \$12 million school in the area.

Clements in the scoring column with 23. However, he led in rebounding with 15.

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