

**UMPIRE CHECKS PLAYER'S EYE** - New York: Effervescent Emmett Ashford, rookie American League umpire, has made his presence known around the loop. His calls are animated and he's spirited. Here, he goes all out to call time to tend to eye of Chicago White Sox 3rd baseman Don Buford. (UPI PHOTO).



**CASSIUS OF ARABIA?** - Heavyweight champion Cassius Clay hams it up by giving his version of a desert movie epic (Cassius of Arabia?) during a visit to the pyramids last week. At left, the champ seems ready to go down for the count as he slips from his horse in blazing desert sun. At right, a friendly Arab tells him he's saved by the bell. (UPI CABLEPHOTO).

## Spring, Summer Fish Losses In Farm Ponds Not Unusual

The mysterious fish die-offs that occur in many farm ponds during the early spring and mid-summer may be blessings in disguise under certain conditions.

The cause of these die-offs is not definitely known, according to extension wildlife specialists at North Carolina State University. Changeable weather conditions -- a few warm, sunny days followed by a spell of cool, cloudy weather -- may set the stage for the die-off, they suggest.

The critical period usually occurs during the early hours of the morning before daylight. By the time the pondowner witnesses the dead and dying fish, the critical period has usually passed. Any action would be futile, it is suggested.

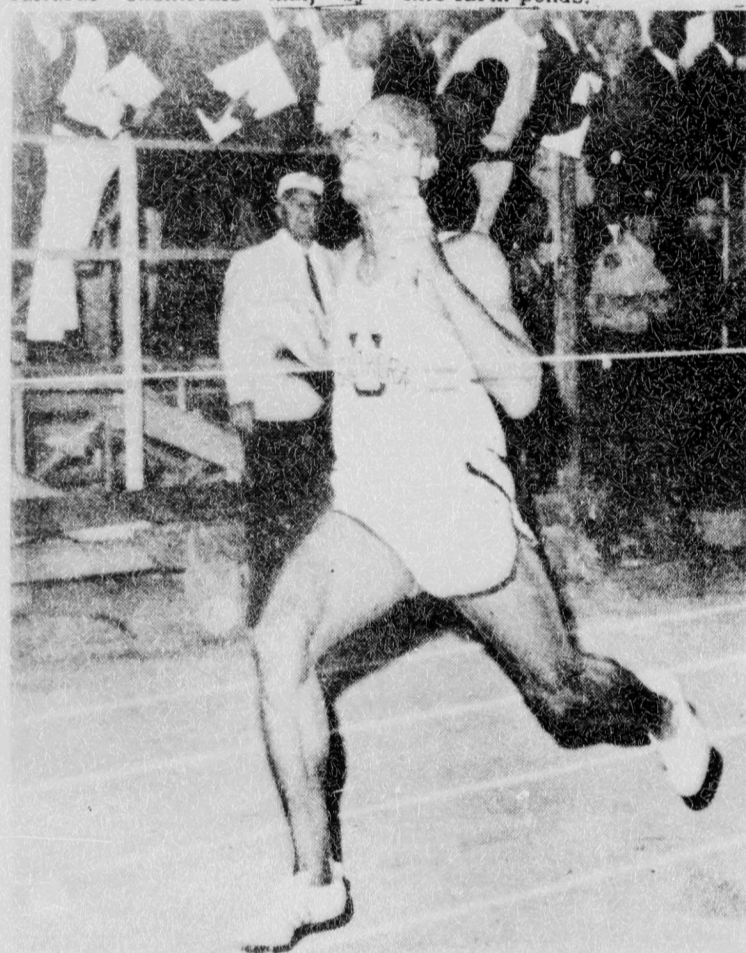
The specialists believe that the pond owner should not be overly concerned about a spring die-off, itself. It helps control populations of fish that are considered undesirable in farm ponds. The die-off may indicate that there is something wrong with the fish population, that needs correcting. This may include too many bream or large numbers of wild fish.

During the summer following a spring die-off, it may pay the pond owner to check the fish population to make necessary corrections.

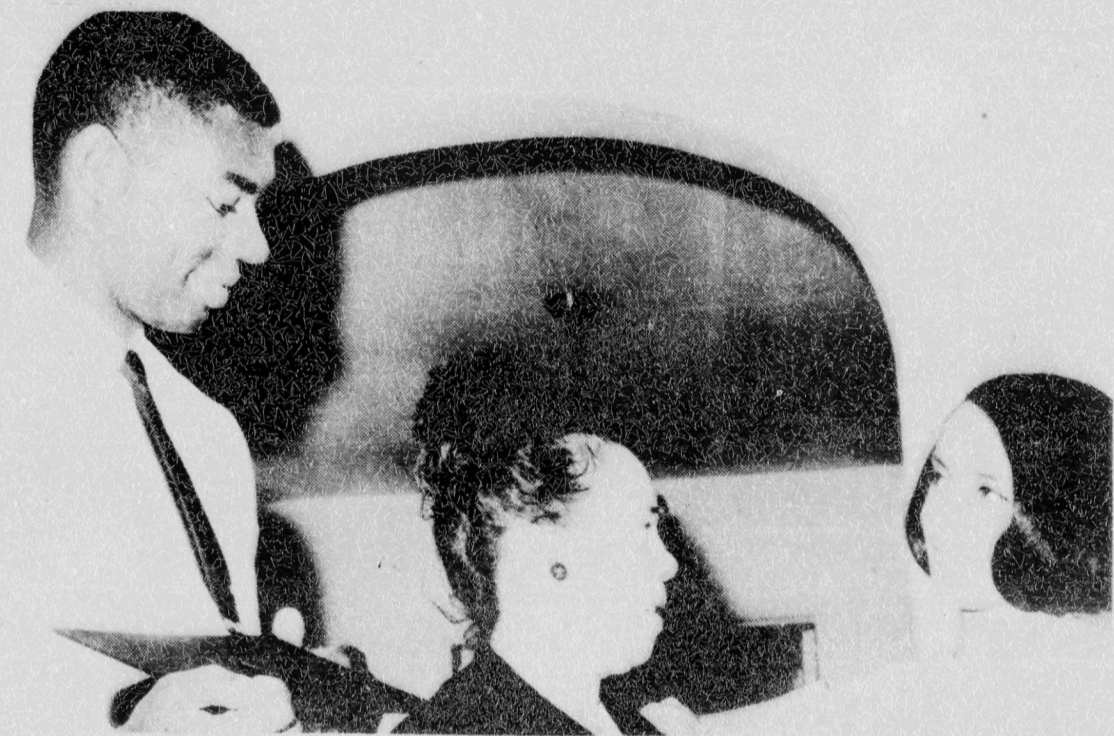
The summer die-offs are usually due to depleted oxygen which is a result of hot, still, cloudy weather. Running an outboard motor on the pond to churn up the water will help. Also, pumping water into the air with an irrigation outfit will help replenish the oxygen in the water.

There are other causes of fish die-offs, some of which are preventable. Sometimes, although rarely, silt in pond water is concentrated enough to clog fish gills and cause

death. Another danger is agricultural chemicals that, by various means, find their way into farm ponds.



**SETS WORLD RECORD** - Modesto, Calif.: Southern University's George Anderson nears the finish line as he leads Southern University's 440-yard relay team to victory and a new world record of 39.6 seconds at the Modesto Relays late May 28. The old record of 39.7 seconds was set a year ago by Stanford University. (UPI PHOTO).



**"BIG O'S" MOTHER-IN-LAW GRADUATES** - Cincinnati: Oscar Robertson, the "Big O" of basketball fame, with his wife, Yvonne, right, assists her mother with a cap and gown. Mrs. Willie Crittenden received a Bachelor of Science degree in education at the University of Cincinnati. Mrs. Crittenden, enrolled at the university in 1961, still continuing to manage the family-owned cleaners and tailor shop in Covington, Ky. The Robertsons are both graduates of U. C. (UPI PHOTO).

## Senior At Shaw U. Contracted For ECC Summer Theatre Productions



ROBERT L. HASSELL

Robert L. Hassell, a rising senior at Shaw University, has been contracted as a performer-singer for two summer productions of the East Carolina College Summer Theatre in

Greenville. A music education major from Columbia, N. C., Hassell will appear in the productions of "Finian's Rainbow," and "Kismet" under the direction of Edgar R. Loessin.

Hassell starts two weeks of rehearsals for "Finian's Rainbow" on June 13 for the production which will run from June 27 through July 2. "Kismet" rehearsals commence on July 25 in preparation for the play's stage debut on August 1-6.

The son of Mrs. Rosa L. Cooper of Columbia, N. C., Hassell is a special privilege honor student at Shaw U. A graduate of Tyrell High School in Columbia, he has studied voice under Clyde R. Appleton, a member of the Shaw University faculty. For the past three years he has been tenor soloist of the Shaw Chorale Society, the University's 70-voice mixed choir under the direction of Harry Gil-Smythe.

Hassell sang the role of Bastian in the University's Cen-

tennial Festival of the Arts production of Mozart's "Bastien and Bastienna." Recipient of the John W. Winters Award for academic excellence in music in 1964, he studied drama under Chestyn Everett, director of the Shaw Players, and played a lead role in the thespian group's production of Jean Giraudoux's "Tiger at the Gates" last November.



TOP ATHLETE - Elvin

Bethea, Trenton, N. J., star football player and track performer at A&T College, received a lion's share of the athletic awards during the past seasons. He received the Golden Helmet Award for performance in football with high academic average; Most Valuable Performer in track award and a trophy for being the "Most Personable Athlete." Named last fall to second team on an All-America football squad, Bethea, this spring topped all performances in the shot put event in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. He participated in 11 track meets, taking eight first-place awards, two second places and one third in the shot put event, and in the discus thrown won seven first-place awards and one second place.

## SMU Signs Three Tan Grid Stars

DALLAS - Southern Methodist university, which pioneered in breaking the color line in Southwest Conference athletics, has signed three Negro football players to scholarships.

Two of them - linebacker Lee McElroy and fullback Rufus Cormier - came from the same high school in Beaumont, Tex., as the Mustangs' current Negro freshman, Earl Lewis.

## Negro Umpire Charms Angry Fans Easily

Emmett Ashford, the first Negro umpire in the major leagues made his debut in the presidential opener at Washington, last month.

He has added a new dimension to the art of umpiring. Before he came on the scene umpires in general performed their tasks like uniformed undertakers.

The only time they really let go was when someone like Bill Veech, Casey Stengel or Leo Durocher planted their spikes in front of them and began bending their ears.

Ashford served as umpire-in-chief of the Pacific Coast League for a number of years. He was a favorite among fans because of his umpiring style.

He is fast-moving, lively and decisive. He is noted for his ability to get down the first and third base lines while working the plate, or deep into center field on fly balls when working the bases, or over to the dug-out in a flash when his presence is required.

His efficient and flamboyant style is endearing him to American League fans. Even Baltimore, which has a reputation for devouring umpires alive, fell under his spell.

Ashford is like Satchel Paige in not telling his age. "I let my work on the diamond speak for me," he said with a twinkle in his eye. "I told one manager once I was 49. After the game the manager came over and said, 'no man 49 can get down the line the way you do.'"

Haynes, a 200-pound back from Southern university High in Baton Rouge, La.

McElroy, 6-3 and 230 pounds, and Cormier, 5-10, 220-pounds and a 10-flat man in track, are both in the top 10 per cent of their classes scholastically at Hebert High School in Beaumont.

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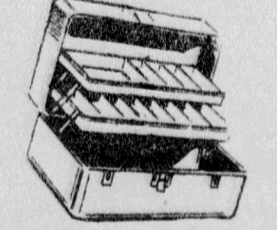
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