Owens Flunks, Can't Compete

Only One Big Sports Title to Washington During Year 1935

WASHINGTON—Although Washington athletes enjoyed what local scribes are pleased to call a banner year in sports, only one athletic title or championship with any national significance was captured by local teams—that being the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball championship garnered by Coach Johnny Ecker's Howard University quint for the second successive year.

The Bison courtmen not only won the conference crown for the second consecutive time, but was perhaps the city's outstanding team in collegiate, scholastic and independent circles, inasmuch as the Hilltop basketball combination attracted more spectators and played games than any other team in the city. At each of the Howard court tilts last winter, "Standing Room Only" signs were put up long before game time.

Although the Bisons were victorious in conference competition, the quintet suffered one of its three defeats at the hands of a local foe—Miner Teachers' College. Miner incidentals had one of the best courses in the brief history of the school, defeating Howard and Virginia State both top-notchers in the collegiate circles. The future teachers, however, suffered badly on the return game, winning only one game in five starts.

Aside from the Bisons' victory in basketball, Howard athletic teams did little in other sport competition. Two of its boxers, Tiny Garner and Bishop Hart, won the heavyweight and light heavyweight championships, respectively, in the CIAA boxing tournament which went to Hampton.

Track Stars Out

Its track team failed to place in the money in the annual meet, while the football team went through one of the most disastrous seasons within recent years. The Bison gridders lost five games in an eight game schedule, and above all, were defeated by their traditional foe, Lincoln University, for the first time in a decade.

Armstrong High School completely dominated the scholastic sports. The Tech athletes were supreme in basketball, football, track, swimming and golf, completely sweeping the sports slate with the exception of the tennis crown which Dunbar High School won, and the baseball title, which ended in a deadlock between Dunbar and Armstrong. Three Armstrong teams — basketball, football and swimming—won championships in the South Atlantic High School Athletic Conference.

Fifty Wins, One Defeat

Independent athletic competition was divided among the Scholastics, the Yellow Jackets, Georgetown Athletic Club and the Barnekey Engineers in swimming team. The Scholastics, with a record of more than 50 victories against a lone defeat, were acclaimed the best court quint sharing the basketball spotlight with Freedmen's Hospital Nurses team, which ended the season without a defeat.

The Yellow Jackets captured the District Independent Football League crown while the Georgetown A.C. stood out on the diamond in spite of the loss of a five game series to the Alexandria Nine. The Bannekers, Francis swimmers gained the annual inter-city A.A.U. championships again, defeating Tankmen from Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburgh.

Individual honors in golf, tennis, horseshoes and track were divided among eleven champions. James Williams of the Royal Golf Club, won the Washington links crown, while Dr. George Adams, who won the spring title, headed the local representatives in the national tournament. In New York, Beltram Barnes, local veteran, won the national consolation finals.

Holsey Ford won the District and metropolitan championships in local horseshoe competition, while the Twelfth Street Y.M.C.A. team was winner of the local and inter-city team title.

Sisters Star in Tennis

A Baltimore youth, Warren Weaver, and a seasoned veteran, Frank Perkins, shared honors in local tennis circles while the Peters sisters, Margaret and Roumaine, as usual were outstanding among the women netwielders. Weaver won the District singles championship in a tournament sponsored by the Elks and the Walter Pierce Club, while Perkins was a similar championship in a tournament held under the auspices of the Bison Athletic Club, member of the American Tennis Association.

Margaret Peters won the women's title in the Elks' tourney, while her younger sister, Roumaine, took the honors in the Bison competition. Other champions crowned in the Bison tournament were: Eddie Davis and Melvin Lancaster, doubles champions, and James Watts, junior singles champion.

Lee Best Harrier

Edgar Lee, former Armstrong High School and Union Univerity harrier, continued to lead the city's middle-distance runners, winning the annual trans-city marathon for the sixth time. The Twelfth Street Y.M.C.A. team placed sixth in the annual A.A.U. 26-mile marathon championship held here.

In boxing, Billy Eley topped the local lusticutters, winning praise in the welterweight division and being the main attraction for local promoters. Meyer (Kid) Rowan was also outstanding in the same division.

Playground athletics, sponsored by the District Public Playground Department during the months of July and August, attracted an unusually large number of competitors during the past year. Tournaments in seven sports were held and the following named champions:

Basketball: 110 pound—Willowtrix, 120 pound—Howard; unlimited—Cardozo.

Softball: Midget — Willowtrix, junior—Cardozo, senior—Lincoln.

Track: Boys—Cardozo; girls — Berry Farms.

Swimming: Boys — Banneker, girls—Howard.

Marbles—Leon Monroe (Banneker).

Horseshoes: Junior — Walker Stadium; senior—Crummell.

Tennis: Boys' senior singles — Charlie Reeder (Lincoln); boys' junior singles—Leon Brown (Howard); girls doubles—Dorothy Morgan-Helen Hatton (Willowtree).

Louis Rated World's Best Heavyweight

NEW YORK—Because of his unbroken string of triumphs in 1935, Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber of Detroit, was placed above Champions Jimmy Braddock, white, in the heavyweight ranking published by the Ring, boxing magazine, here, Saturday.

Louis, during his one year professional career, has lifted boxing from the depths of oblivion. Not only was he placed above Champion Braddock, but was set in a special class by himself.

Fighters Rated by Poll

The selections made by the editors of the magazine on the basis of a poll to which 131 sports writers contributed failed to place three champions at the top of their respective divisions. Sixto Escobar of Puerton Rico, bantamweight champion was placed below Baltazar Sangchelli of Spain.

Besides Braddock, Small Montana, Filipino flyweight, who won the title from Midget Wolgast, was placed second to Benny Lynch of Scotland. However the two were placed in one group in their respective division.

The editors followed a custom of rating boxers of various divisions in four groups then ranking them within the groups. Louis stands alone in one group of heavyweights and Braddock is given sole possession of group two.

Lewis Shares Position

In the light-heavyweight section, John Henry Lewis of Phoenix, Arizona, and Maxie Rosenbloom, white, of New York shared the first group. Lewis recently won the light-heavyweight title.

In the heavyweight sector, Max Schmeling and Prime Camera share the third group. The fourth group includes Tommy Loughran, Max Baer, Hank Jankinson, Charley Retzlaff, Buddy Baer, Walter Neusel, Ford Smith, Paulino Uzcudun all of whom are white and Al Ettore who was ninth in the group.

Ready for That Peacock Strut

EULACE PEACOCK.

Temple University track and field star, whose victories over Ohio State's sensational Jesse Owens brought him with a rush to the forefront of sprint and broad jump ranks during 1935.

Makes Good at Minnesota

HORACE BELL.

brother of Bill Bell, former star tackle at Ohio State University, whose sensational play at end earned him his freshman nomination to the University of Minnesota. Bell is regarded as a certain varsity player for next year. Besides maintaining an excellent scholastic record, Bell is also a track man. His home is in Akron, Ohio.

Sports Snapshots

By F. M. DAVIS
(For ANP)

WHAT KIND OF REASONING IS THIS?

The action of the association in suspending Morgan College of Baltimore for a year reminds me of the school boy who in a theme said the man got on his horse and galloped off in all directions. The CIAA, you know, at the same time crowned Morgan football champions for 1935.

It may be that I am crazy and need to get friendly with a good alienist. If the college officials who came to this decision are sane, then I admit without further argument I am as nuts as a boxer who thinks he can whip Joe Louis.

Either Morgan is or Morgan ain't. If the Maryland college is guilty of infractions of rules, playing an ineligible star and lax observance of statutes, this has obviously not transpired since the end of the football season. If the school is guilty of that now, it was guilty all during its grid contests, and therefore its games must be forfeited and it cannot be declared champion.

Conversely, the official banding of the pigskin crown to Morgan logically means that the school has not violated conference regulations. Therefore, how can it be suspended?

In effect, the CIAA in one breath declares Morgan is all right and hands over the diadem, but before those words can even make echoes, the CIAA calls itself a liar and says the opposite is true by suspending the institution. To the public it claims both statements are right—and knows that it lies about one of them.

Maybe my trouble is that I never went in for Frankenstein playtime at college. I never had a pet Euclid who sold two parallel lines are not only in infinity. But it seems likely the good CIAA brethren would even make Einstein scratch his head. After all the great mathematician never said anything about an odd, full bucket.

It seems to me that the boys to be responsible, should have withheld the crown if they wanted to suspend Morgan, or else if they decreed she was chump to put her on probation under strict surveillance for a year during which she would be forced to clean up or get out. This, however, is logical, and apparently you evidently can't expect too much from mere college executives.

The schoolboys who wrote those Frosh sorts about Yale, Princeton's foe, have been a prophet with the 1935 meeting of the CIAA in mind.

OODS AND ENDS

John Henry Lewis, light heavyweight champ, erect Chairman of Arizona with his mother whom he hadn't seen since winning the title. He was schooled in the world Young Firpo in Portland, Oregon, on New Year's Day and then journey East, made to duck Maxie Rosenbloom in St. Louis. The Palais Royal Big Five of Philly hits the road for a long jaunt this month after victories over topnotchers.

Was Paolino Uzcudun never really knocked down until he met Joe Louis? According to Arch Ward of the Chicago Tribune, on the wall of K.O. Christner's smoke shop in Akron, Ohio, hangs a picture showing the Bounding Basque being counted out by a referee. The date on the picture is February 22, 1929. It was taken in Madison Square Garden and the boxer waiting in a neutral corner is K.O. Christner.

Gorilla Jones was to see what he could do about Tait Littman in Madison Square Garden Jan. 3. Oscar Rankin, the redheaded negro middleweight from the West Coast, has won and lost one to Littman. Rankin was to meet George Black on the same card. The famous Renaissance dark five of Harlem begins a four fled these outdoor records and two game series with Kanksks A.C. of Indianapolis at Anderson, Ind., January 6. The Indianapolis teams will stage the preliminary.

Flunked Subject, Owens Won't Run in Indoor Meets

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Failing to make a passing mark in psychology, Jesse Owens, Ohio State's one man track team and world record-breaker, will be barred from inter-collegiate participation in all indoor meets, officials of the school announced Saturday.

The famous runner received passing grades in the mid-winter examinations for all except the one subject. He improves during the third quarter, he may be reinstated in time to compete in outdoor meet next spring, it was revealed.

May Miss Penn Relays

The barring of Owens by Ohio State officials may prevent him from running in the Penn Relays April 24, the West Virginia Relays, dual meets with Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Big Ten indoor track events at Chicago on March 14.

The runner, whose home is in Cleveland, holds world's record for the 100 yard dash, record for low hurdles and the broad jump, and is expected to be the star of the card. Recently, the A.A.U. refused to allow Owens to compete in indoor meets.

Also lost to the team is Wendell Walker, high jumping ace, who failed to enroll on to provide a number of points.

W. Va. Players Select All-Star Grid Team

INSTITUTE, W.Va.—Three Kentucky State gridders and two from Lincoln (Mo.) University, Wilberforce, Tennessee State and Louisville Municipal College were named on an all-star team by West Virginia State College players, this week.

Players on the team follow:

Name	Position	College
Bishop-Kearney	End	Lincoln
Buckner-Tackle	Tackle	Lincoln
Gaddy-Guard	Guard	Wilberforce
White-Center	Ki. State	College
Pitts-Guard	Guard	Ky. State
Strong-Tackle	Tackle	State College
Martin-End	End	Louisville
Phelps-Quarterback	Quarterback	Louisville
Pitts-Guard	Guard	Wilberforce
Hopson-Halfback	Halfback	Ky. State
Wood-Halfback	Halfback	Ky. State

Brown Bombers Can't Play White D.C. Team

NEW YORK CITY—A permit for a game between the Brown Bombers, professional football team, and a white professional team in Washington on Christmas Day, was denied by the commissioner of Washington because of a ban on mixed games, according to Howard (Rip) Day, owner of the local quint.

Day, a New York public school teacher, plays professional football on the ground that Chinese, Japanese and other foreigners are permitted to play on Washington and play against white Americans in games.

Blythewood Picks All-Southern Grid Team

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Five Claflin players, four South Carolina State and one each from Benedict and Voorhees were named on the All-Southern grid team selected by T. K. Blythewood this week.

Blythewood's selections were:

Name	School	Position
J. Johnson—S.C. State	End	
Williams—Voorhees	Tackle	
Pitts—Claflin	Guard	
Perry—Claflin	Center	
McCombs—Claflin	Guard	
McCullough—Claflin	Tackle	
Dean—Benedict	End	
S. Johnson—S.C. State	Quarterback	
Cain—S.C. State	Halfback	
Wilson—S.C. State	Halfback	

HONORABLE MENTION

ENDS—Mc. Doe (Claflin), Bolger (Benedict), Griffin (Claflin).
TACKLES—Mott, Benedict; Gibbs, Claflin.
GUARDS—Scott (Benedict), Wilson, Benedict; Macon, Georgia.
CENTERS—Harris, State; Porterfield (Allen), Wenna, Paine.
QUARTERBACKS—Greer (Claflin), Stridiron, Georgia.
HALFBACKS—Lee (Benedict), Brown Allen; Rawlins (Claflin), Faile (Claflin), Austin (Voorhees).

AFRO Bowlers Top Sportsmen's Team

Rallying in the two final games, the AFRO Employees bowling team defeated the Sportsmen's Club bowlers by 77 points to win their second consecutive victory at the Strand Bowling Alleys, Sunday.

The AFRO bowlers dropped the first game by 23 points. In the two succeeding games they rallied to win the match, scoring 1,134 points to 1,057 by the Sportsmen's team.

The scores were:

SPORTSMEN

Johnson	86	84	77	247
H. Howard	84	90	82	266
J. Bell	90	99	86	275
Totals	261	271	245	1,057

AFRO EMPLOYEES

James	77	93	90	260
Dunbar	84	97	83	264
H. Gilbert	109	120	116	345
Cheatham	86	99	84	259
Totals	356	409	373	1,138

John Henry Lewis to Fight Stillman

ST. LOUIS (ANP)—An overweight, non-title bout between John Henry Lewis, world's light heavyweight champion, and Al Stillman, to go ten rounds, will be held here January 14, promoter Henry Greenburg announced Monday. Since winning the crown, Lewis lost a disputed and unpopular decision to ex-Champion Maxie Rosenbloom, scored two knockouts and won another fight. It will be John Henry's fifth ring appearance since taking the diadem from Bob Olin here October 31.

Joe Louis Has Collected $371,645 for Fighting 26 Ring Engagements

DETROIT, (ANP)—For his 26 ring battles since turning pro—final at Chicago, July 4, 1935, Joe Louis has collected $371,645, according to information released here last week.

Joe has averaged $3,318 a round or $1,106 a minute, figures every fight. This is a fair price for a heavyweight champion to pay for a show, and stands as a fair way to name his own price now for with Jack Crocken for which the Brown Bomber received $50 He would have had kind words for Jack and by November of 1934 he jumped into the $3500 class by knocking out Harry Thomas in 2 rounds.

From there on business picked up. Two weeks after the Thomas bout, Joe drew down $1,000 for beating Charley Massere. His bout a week and a half later was worth $2,000 and $3,000 after his first fight with Lee Ramage in Chicago and jumped into five figures when Louis got $10,000 for his meeting Primo Carnera in New York.

The peak of Joe's earnings from boxing was his contest with Max Baer in New York. Louis drew down $215,375 for four rounds of work. This was the bout which brought back the golden era into boxing and the million dollar gate, thought to have been buried with Tex Rickard.

Morgan AND THE C.I.A.A.

Divergent opinions regarding the suspension of Morgan College from the CIAA continue to pour into the AFRO office each week. Typical of the opinions expressed are the following, the first, by a pro-CIAA writer, Roger F. Gordon of Philadelphia, and the second, a pro-Morgan adherent, T. H. Burton, of Denton, Md.

Mr. Gordon Writes

Mr. Gordon's letter follows:

"Your sports page is often ranking team, but there are many —and I do not expect you to understand this—who place building fine men above games won, and receive the sanction of the college board in doing so. That, thanks to a kindly Providence, is what keeps many of them out of the bread line when their wives and children raise a hue and cry like yours.

"As idealistic as it may seem, it is assuring to believe that—when the dust settles—Morgan will be write against your name, he writes not that you won or lost, but how you played the game.

Mr. Burton Writes

From Mr. Burton comes the following:

"Well, dear sporting world, the conquering Morgan Bears and the CIAA went into its annual meeting and the former got after a brief preliminary gave birth to the Morgan New Deal.

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"The bare facts are that a certain college in the CIAA Confederation had conquered the championship market. To be specific, this particular college had garnered the cream of the football talent and three track championships during its six years of competition.

"There is no provision in the constitution of the CIAA limiting the number of football players that a college may win per year. But the prolonged, sustained and unequal acquisition of those coveted laurels roughs the vanity and upsets the pride of the various sister colleges, and endangers the jobs of the persons engaged in the business to produce winning teams.

"This irritation and exigencies the CIAA deemed it expedient to make something good and break this monopoly and burst this trust of athletic excellence. Then the Morgan Bears conquered for the AAA. The question remained as to what was the adjustment to be made.

"A solemn caucus was called with the loyal sons of Howard, the dominating figures. Here the caucusmen laid the ground work for the ARA (Athletic Recovery Act) and it was decided and was successful in passing through the Congress a resolution setting forth that Morgan, during her fight to uphold the ideal learned in practices that violated the spirit of the eligibility code, and because of that violation there was unfit to play with the rest of the members again. A new and raw deal, we must admit.

"There are many more too, whose names could well be added to that list, and I believe your models, Hunt and Marlin will agree with me. What coach took seventeen men to Morgan, one high school and defeated the best the colleges had to offer? And now because he has had a mediocre season, you're saying he's not good?

"Remember how the tramp answered the woman who came to the back of my hand to you? Where were you when Eddie Hurt was of the best mentors in the country was not drag so well at dear old Seminary" or Harold Martin living through the lean years at Virginia State? My friend, let us be when they needed you, for the sports scribes of the upper strata. You know what I mean, are always handing a winning coach the laurel.

"Every coach wants a winning team, but there are many —and I do not expect you to understand this—who place building fine men above games won, and receive the sanction of the college board in doing so. That, thanks to a kindly Providence, is what keeps many of them out of the bread line when their wives and children raise a hue and cry like yours.

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"It's too bad the association could not have used some extract of Roosevelt's maladjustavators before the conquering Morgan. Or was the TVA (Toughdown Yearly Act), such an act would have prevented the Morgan one, or only a prescribed number of touchdowns.

"But Morgan had demonstrated a lack of spirit that such an act would be of little assistance toward the desired recovery. So the decision was silenced. Lampkin ran away with the ball.

"It was thought that a WPA (Wrong Play Actions) program would adjust matters. But the passing of Brutus Wilson, but revived was made over into a first class signal battery.

"Meforetime wishers momentarily solaced themselves as they awaited the effective operation of the CWA (Careless Working Aggregation) or the HOLC (Heavily Over-confidence Leading Class) project, but the coaching staff keen all keys tuned to a different pitch.

"The Bankhead Control Act might have been quite effective. Through such a bill the association could restrict the number of touchdowns a team could make in a single game, but such a restriction would have to be almost prohibitive for not a single team scored as many as two touchdowns against Morgan.

"The honorable delegates to the CIAA faced with such a dilemma as Morgan, had a difficult problem, so out went Morgan.

"Barnhill Jones, representing A. and T. College, was the Hury Long of this conference. He stood out alone as the opponent of Morgan's new and raw deal. Was a glorious character! But I recall that a Dr. Jones made an angel out of Huey and I am wondering how soon it will be before Barnhill's actions will be construed as a violation of the spirit of co-operation with the association and a menace to the ideal development of the boys he teaches.

"Union played well for the part of Pontius Pilate. But that hands-off-it procedure is simply a modern-istic method of sitting astride the old proverbial fence, ready to slide over to the side that turns out better. I regret that the delegates from the dear old Alma Mater did not take a definite stand.

"How long will the New Deal stand? Well, you and I, my friend, know that the kick of of the turntable determines most all policies. So you don't need to be a crystal gazer to see the future trend. My glass says there will soon be a special session, an absentee eligibility code will be adopted, and Morgan will be reinstated.

"After all we see the New Deal as a guerile excuse for the inability to muzzle the Morgan Bears."

Morgan Back This Month?

BALTIMORE, Md. Morgan College, suspended last month from the CIAA because of "spiritual" violations of eligibility rules, will be back in the conference before the end of this month, accordingly authoritative report here, ing to an unofficial bull this week.

All-CCC Grid Star

LEROY ASHLEY,

New Jersey native, member of Company 1284, CCC, at Chatsworth, N.J., who was named on the National CCC All-American football team. He is the outstanding athlete in the camp and before enlistment won honors in baseball, basketball and track.

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Clubs

Chummy Chatters

The Chummy Chatters met with Mrs. Corrin Stewart, Saturday, at 625 Pitcher Street.

The members received their savings and exchanged gifts with each other. Election of officers was as follows:

Miss Mary F. Ransom, president; Mrs. Viola Ridgeway, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary Boyd, recording secretary; Mrs. Hazel Taylor, treasurer; Mrs. Corrin Stewat, chaplain; Mrs. Madeline Burrell, sergeant-at-arms, and Mrs. Lucille Keys, business manager.

After the business session, cards were played and prizes taken by Mrs. Hazel Taylor, first; Mrs. Mary Boyd, second, and Miss Mary F. Ransom, booby.

A repast was served by the hostess.

Les Onze

Mrs. Julia Carroll, 705 Dolphin Street, entertained the Les Onze Bridge Club at a Christmas party on Friday night.

Club prizes for the evening went to Mun Cornelia Brooks and Mrs. Edna Rawlings, and guest prize to Mrs. Armstead.

Forty

The Forty Club met with Milton Brown, 613 N. Carey Street, Thursday evening. After the business session a collection was served and cards played.

The officers and members of the club are:

Dennie Hall, president; Clyde Waters, vice-president; Frederick Holmes, treasurer; James E. Wise, recording secretary; Frank Ford, financial secretary; Eddie Wright, chaplain.

Milton Brown, business manager; William Henson, sergeant-at-arms; Frederick Waterson, marshal; Alfred Guider, social reporter; Virgil Freeman, social secretary; Charles Brown, John Dennice and Thomas Creek.

Eastern Star

The East Molden Republican Club, 1310 Rutland Avenue, gave candy and fruit to unfortunate children of Baltimore, Christmas Day. Officers are:

Martin Stafford, president; William Wagner, vice-president; Marie Stokes, financial secretary; Moses Pritchett, recording secretary, and Samuel Spicer, treasurer.

St. Pius

St. Pius A. and C. Club met at the home of Clarence Watson, 713 George Street. Business was discussed, after which elections of officers were held. Officers are:

John Bailey, president; Clarence Watson, vice-president; Toledo Mosely, recording secretary; William Watson, financial secretary; Paul Williams, sergeant-at-arms; Lewis Brown, business manager; Clarence Mosely, treasurer; Harry Lewton, assistant treasurer; Eugene Brooks, chaplain; Edward Brooks, editor; Thomas Carroll, assistant editor.

After the election of officers, the meeting was adjourned and a repast was served.

Amicitia

Mrs. Bessie Thompson, of 1500 Harlem Avenue, was hostess to the Amicitia Club, Thursday evening at her home.

After the business discussion, gifts were distributed to each member, and to the mother of each. Mrs. Marguerite Roberts was awarded first prize in an intelligence contest. Mrs. Ellen Jones took second prize, and Mrs. Mary Moore, third.

A repast was served at a late hour.

Travers

Travers Thrift Club met Friday night at the home of Mrs. Ella Gibson, 1006 W. Lanvale Street. Mrs. Reddie Travers is president; Mrs. Ellen Gibson, vice-president; Mrs. Alice Turner, secretary; Mrs. Emma Bonner, treasurer, and Mrs. Emma Ford, conductor.

Odesso

The Odessa Club met at the home of Mrs. Edith Brown, 1208 Division Street, and elected the following officers:

Mrs. Martha Payne, president; Mrs. Mary Tolbert, vice-president; Mrs. Emma Swan, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Brisbord, business manager; Mrs. Rose Dennis, treasurer; Mrs. Alice Turner, chaplain.

Sarvuer Alumni

The Sarvuer Alumni met at the home of the president, Mrs. Allen. A business meeting, a repast was served. Present were:

Mrs. Belle Peaco, Mrs. Emma Bonner, Mrs. Emma Swan, Mrs. Agnes Wells, Mrs. Reddie Travers, Miss Edith Meade, Mrs. Eleanor Peaco, Mrs. Ella Gibson, Alphonso Bonner, William Dennis, Mrs. Elizabeth Bradford.

Garden Activity

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Green entertained the Garden Activity Club at their home, 1704 Harlem Avenue, Friday evening. After a business meeting, cards was played.

Mrs. Lillie B. Jones was guest.

Officers elected for the new term include:

Mrs. Irene W. Green, president; Mrs. Minnie D. Turner, vice-president; Mrs. Laura Winder, recording secretary; Mrs. Sarah Sullivan, treasurer; S. Edwards, chaplain; Edward Taskett, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Mary P. Clark, business manager.

A repast was served at the close of the session.

Literary and Social

The Literary and Social Club for Racial Culture met at the home of Miss Ariel Brooks, 238 N. Stricker Street, Friday evening. Mrs. Laura J. Brooks presided. Reuben-Parker, Jr., and Harry T. Banks were speakers. A repast was served.

Mrs. Laura Jean Brooks, president; Wiley Hall, vice-president; Mary Hall, recording secretary; Frances Brooks, financial secretary; Miss Clarette Brooks, manager; Walter Dennison, treasurer; Harry T. Banks, business manager; Reuben Parker, Jr., publicity; William Johnson, inner guard and Miss Gladys Brooks, sergeant-at-arms.

Boosters

The New Baltimore Boosters' Club distributed baskets to needy families, Christmas. Mrs. Lena Derricks was chairman of the committee in charge of the distributions. Mrs. Bertha Johnson is president of the club.

S.S.S

The S.S.S. Club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Davis, 1017 Druid Hill Avenue, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Ethel Williams, marshal, presided. A program was given by the members and a collection was taken up. Contributions were made by Mrs. Bertha Johnson is president of the club.

Caribbean Club

The December meeting of the Caribbean Club was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Lawrence, 1033 W. Lanvale Street.

Officers of the club are: Wilfred Cupee, president; Mrs. Louise Wallace, vice-president; Mrs. Unella Penn, financial secretary; Samuel Campbell, recording secretary; Mrs. Edith Myers, treasurer, and Dr. C. M. Lawrence, chairman of the Board of Directors.

The club distributed fifteen baskets of food, Christmas, on December 24, under the chairmanship of Mrs. L. Mathews.

Franklin

The Franklin Pleasure Club met with Mrs. Lula Thornton, Thursday. Cards was played and a repast served. The treasurer of the club, Louis Smallwood, is ill.

Loyal Few

The Loyal Few Social Club met with Russell Williams, of 802 N. Carrollton Avenue, Wednesday evening. Plans were made for a card party to be given the meeting. A repast was served.

Violet

The Violet Club held a meeting at the home of Miss Ethel Keene, 1410 E. Madison Street, this week. After the business session, the regular club adjourned. Mrs. Minnie Anderson is president, and Mrs. Beatrice Price, secretary.

Douglass Progressive

Mrs. Annie Walker of 1005 W. Lafayette Avenue entertained the Douglass Progressive Club Monday evening. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Margaret Wilson, president; Mrs. Edith McCormick, vice-president; Mrs. Ethel Quarles, secretary; Mrs. Ethel Fowlkes, financial secretary; Mrs. Annie Mrs. Clara Clark, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Mary Clark, sinking fund treasurer; Miss Sadie Moore, business manager.

The officers will be installed at a meeting to be held with Mrs. Ethel Fowlkes of West Lanvale Street on January 6.

Bridge was played after the session and a repast was served.

Prosperity

The Prosperity Builders' Club met Monday evening at 1214 Druid Hill Avenue, where the mere Adelaide Strand, Mrs. Leslie Jones, chiropractor. A collation was served and a Christmas card party and supper.

Their guests included Sterling Kevin, Ward Young, George Young and Walter Bowles of New York.

Mrs. Thelma Kevin is president of this club.

Progressive

The Progressive Association held its holiday celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Taylor in Patapsco Park, Sunday afternoon.

A collation was served. Mrs. Taylor was presented a gift by the club.

Attending the affair were:

Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John Wake, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Murtle Wake, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gray, Miss Keene.

Mrs. Pearl Jones, Mrs. Missoura Mitchell, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Mr. Butler, Mr. Wells and Mrs. Ernestine Carter.

Blue Diamond

The Blue Diamond Whist Club met at the home of Miss Beatrice Price, 1724 Mulberry Street, Thursday evening. After the business session, cards was played.

Les Douze Amies

Les Douze Amies Bridge Club met with Mrs. Celestine Hicks of 575 Presstman Street. Bridge was played, with Mrs. Evelyn Echols and Mrs. Louise Harris winning first prize. Helena Scrivener, of 306 Presstman Street also entertained the group at cards last week. Mrs. Echols, Mrs. Zella Washington and Mrs. Mary Harris took prizes.

Casa-Loma

Mrs. Jessie Smith of 508 Baker Street, was hostess to the Casa-Loma Savings Club at its meeting

NIGHT CLUBBING IN BALTIMORE

By KNIGHT KLUBBER

GREETINGS, MY FRIENDS:

I want to begin the New Year right by grouping my pals—ye olde patrons, habituates and thespians of our family—under one banner. In other words, let's have a K.K.K. (not the white-sheeted gang, but Knite Klub Kolonels). The only requirement is that you patronize one or more of the rendezvous that advertise on this page.

Just drop a line to the Knight Klubber, in care of the AFRO, and say, "I'm a patron of——club." Don't forget to send your name and address along. You will be rated a kolonel and assigned to the chapter of your favorite club.

Arrangements are being made with the "props" to set aside one night a week as K.K.K. Nite, when the gang will get together and whoop it up.

Let the cards hop in.

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The boys in our own Haxem did a good job of greeting 1936. The Comedy Club slapped on a cover for one night. But it was worth the price.

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A new high in nite-club fees was established when the Astoria fee was announced as seven bucks a duo. One of my palsy walseys, William (P.O.) Darby, was the guest of Lucky Millinder on the eve of the New Year, and reports that the music here really goes round 'n' round.

Harold Mason has tackled a gigantic job in exploitin' such an enterprise and bringing in such a name band, the pet of the Mills stables, with Edgar (Star Dust) Hayes, noted pianist and composer; our own Chuck Richards (on), singing songs that please; that dashing maestro, Lucky, and the irresistible Jenny Dancer, who was a sensation at the Grand Terrace, Chicago.

Harlem brought to Baltimore.

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THE COMEDY CLUB has shifted the orchestra from the center of the floor to a cozy nook, a name band, has built a raised stage for dancing and shows. Of course, the ever popular Dot McCoy, Mary Stafford, the Hardy Bros., and Mack Crockett's band, and the Darling Dancing Debs. And, oh boy, was my face red when Bea and Dot showered me with kisses!

I know the old-timers will remember Mary Stafford, who sprang to fame at Tom Smith's, Bailey's, and in Atlantic City, along with Madison Reed. She's as popular as ever.

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Banjo Bernie has the town agog with his music. The boys are kicking it at the MOON GLOW, and believe you me, that Charlie Williams and his trombone are eligible for membership in the music goes round 'n' round club. The happy-go-lucky Joe Campbor, Luther Toye and Rudolph Dixon are a merry trio.

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SEEN IN PASSING—Professor Grinnell, educational adviser of one of the Pennsylvania CCC camps, enjoying his holiday at Cherry Hill, Maryland, and getting all hot up when her brudder called her "Black Bess"; a certain scribe publicly petting the darling of the Ritz neath the spotlight and seemingly enjoying it; Bettye Bea swinging out at King's.

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At the Vilma, the duo of pleasing waitresses, as usual, scurried to and fro, smiling and exchanging greetings as the gang made whoopee.

And from Wendall comes word that the spot is to be completely remodeled and redecorated.

Dot Irvin's singing and the piano tickling (a la Fats Waller) of Kitty West are pleasing specialties.

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Just a word from Jim Hedgeman over on Fremont Avenue, where Jerome Washington stomps away: "Season's greetings to all." For which we thank you, Jim.

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Drake started the New Year off big at the GOLDEN ROD. His first big surprise was a "Jamboree" with six lick choruses, the reappearance of Jewell and Louise, the celebrated Washington Steppers, and a full five-piece band.

Marie Boatner (Mrs. Clint Jones) was very sweet rendering "Call Me Darling." The Senorita Ricardo does a bit of rhumba that makes your blood tingle. Louise is just too darling when doing "I'm a Lady," with gestures. Buddy Colbert, young em cee, clowns and bobbins before the band, is forging ahead by leaps and bounds. The Three Princes of Rhythm offer some nifty stepping, while Slats and Jewell cap the finale.

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Found Stella Young and Show Boy stealing the show at SMITH'S CAFE. Eraleta Johnson and Lillian Lorraine are, as usual, scoring with their singing and dance routines, abetted by the chorus. The band, under Ed Wharton, goes to town with "China Boy," stella directing. Wednesday nite was full of surprises. Mack Crockett's Knight Klubber was prevailed upon to swing a number with the band; all the waitresses made speeches, visiting dancers went on and the whole was climaxed with the trucking of Slim, the bartender.

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