Morgan Drama Group To Use High School

The School Board gave permission Thursday to Morgan State college to use the Dunbar high school auditorium at McElderry and Caroline sts. on April 27-28 to present a full - length play.

Proceeds from the production, to be staged by the Ira Aldridge Players, a student drama group, will be used to aid worthy students of the college.

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Rites Held Saturday For Ex-Ward Committeeman

Funeral services for former 5th Ward Committeeman John Watkins, 58, were held Saturday at 146 Colvin st., with the Rev. Joseph McKee officiating.

A pioneer civic leader in South Baltimore, Mr. Watkins collapsed on Winsor Mill rd., last Thursday while returning home from his job with the city water department. He died an hour later in a local hospital.

A native of Baltimore, he started working for the city in 1940.

Community Club Member

Mr. Watkins was an instrumental figure in forming the East-side Community Club of which he served as vice-president at one time.

In 110 he joined the dance band of "Soc" Simms as an alto player. He remained with the orchestra along with his brother Samuel for more than one year before returning to Baltimore where he resumed his civic activities.

He was a member of the Alphian P[illegible] re Club, and the Middlese[illegible] Club.

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Mr. Watkins is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Dora Noel, Miss Elizabeth Watkins, and Miss Mildred Watkins; and two sons, Samuel and John of Baltimore.

One son, A 1/c1 John Watkins, a member of the Air Force for 28 months, arrived in Baltimore Friday from Weisbaden, Germ on a 30 day emergency leave to attend the funeral.

Mr. Watkins is also survived, a brother, Samuel Watkins; and three grandchildren, Delores, Jeanette, and Katherine Watkins. Interment was in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Al Hebron, James Patterson, Jake members of the Alphian and Middlesecton Club.

Girl Attacked; Youth, 15, Held

A 15-year-old boy of the 700 block W. Franklin st. was ordered held without bail Friday on a charge of criminally assaulting a girl, also 15, of the 600 block Greenwillow st.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane was told in Northwestern police court that the youth, in company with a second boy about 17 years old, attacked the girl in a house in the 900 block of Argyle ave., Wednesday night.

The second youth was still being sought by police.

Cornerstone Laying At Mt. Winans School

Arthur Price, president of the City council, and Mayor D'Alesandro, assist in the recent cornerstone laying celebration at Mt. Winans Elementary School, while Mrs. Lillian Parrott, left, assistant to Houston Jackson (standing at right), assistant superintendent of schools, looks on. The $579,990 modern structure will contain eight classrooms, a kindergarden, library, teachers' room and a multiple purpose room to be used for assembly or cafeteria.

'A Little Louder, Please, We Can't Hear'

That's what these excited youngsters from School No. 156 seem to be saying as they lean on the rostrum at the recent cornerstone laying ceremonies of Mt. Winans Elementary School. When the $579,990 building is completed, pupils from School No. 156 will move into it.

M. S. Thomas Elected Omega Basileus

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—M. S. Thomas, director of the Famcee division of mechanical engineering and mechanic arts, recently was elected basileus of Chi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Others officers elected were: Sheldon Cole, vice - basileus; Robert Hall, keeper of record and seal; J. V. Anderson, keeper of finance; the Rev. G. E. Covington, chaplain; A. S. Parks, keeper of peach, and C. J. Smith, chapter editor.

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Charge Steelworker With Creating $591 Wreckage

A 43-year-old steelworker who allegedly wrecked an entire day, assaulted one woman, threatened two other persons and stole an electric clock was ordered held in $7,500 bail Monday in Northwestern police court.

The charges against Alberdine Scruggs of the 1600 block Morland include:

1. Malicious destruction of property valued at a total of $591, belonging to Ivory Lee Dennis, 1000 block Bennett pl., on Saturday.

2. Assaulting and striking Mrs. Marguerite Thomas of the same address.

3. Threatening Mr. Dennis.

4. Threatening Mrs. Carrie McCoy, also of the 1000 block Bennett pl.

Pretended To Be Dennis

Mrs. Thomas testified that Scruggs came to the house about 8:30 Saturday night and identified himself as Mr. Dennis. Thinking that Mr. Dennis had forgotten his key, she dropped hers down to him. Mrs. Thomas said when she went downstairs to get her key back, she found Scruggs, Mrs. Thomas testified. She said the man then struck her and began tearing up furniture in the front room.

Sgt. John Dunn, describing the wreckage he found when he investigated later, said:

Compared With Grenade

"The front room was a shambles, the tables smashed to pieces. He couldn't have done better if he had thrown a hand grenade in there."

After Scruggs left the house, taking a large electric clock valued at $39, the complainants said, he telephoned back to say that "he was coming back with a machine gun and blow all of us away."

He did come back to the house—without the machine gun—and he was grabbed by Mr. Dennis. Officers were at the scene by that time.

Threatened On Phone

Mrs. McCoy testified that she knew Scruggs, and that he acted strangely at times. She said he called her on the phone twice and threatened her.

Scruggs told Magistrate E. Everett Lane that "some of the things they say are so," although he denied ever seeing Mrs. Thomas before. Pointing to Mr. Dennis, he said:

"His wife is my wife and all of that furniture in his house is mine."

Police indicated that Scruggs may be given a mental examination.

Catonsville News

By SAMUEL TORSELL

Richard Allen's Day, sponsored by the ACE League, was observed Sunday at Grace Memorial Baptist church. Mrs. Charlotte Shockley is president.

The Mount Nebo Chorus rendered a musical concert at Morning Star Baptist church, Sunday, at 3 p.m. Elrena Washington Jr. and Charles Hardy were co-sponsors.

James Riley, member of Mount Olivete Masonic Lodge, No. 25, recently visited Landmark Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. Naomie Nash of Lakewood, N.J., was the guest of friends and relatives, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Harris had as her house guests Sunday, Mrs. Carrie Hoskins and Wilbert Brown, of Baltimore.

On Sick List

Samuel Hardy is convalescing at his home after a sudden illness which caused him to spend a few days in the hospital.

Also on the sick list are Oliver Gross who has been confined to his home again: Mrs. Annie Smith and Mrs. Mable Coleman who recently returned home from the hospital.

Jerome Halland, who has been ill, attended Grace Memorial Baptist church, Sunday.

Some 35 members of the Youth Choir of Grace AME church sang Sunday morning at the church.

Talent Show

Miss Alice Why, David Greene and Charles Gross will appear on the talent show to be held at Trinity AME church, Feb. 27 at 8:30 p.m.

New-comers to Catonsville are Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Mims who reside at 16 Winters ave.

Funeral services for Samuel Dorsey were held Feb. 4 at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Feb. 6, with the Rev. Richard Wallace officiating. Mr. Dorsey died Feb. 1 at Douglass Memorial Home.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Louise Knight; a son, Samuel; a granddaughter, Jean Knight, two sisters, the Rev. Mrs. Lydia Adams and Mamie King and a brother, Henry Dorsey. Burial was in Bush Park.

MUSEUM PRESENTS SHOW ON PRINTING DESIGN

"Design in Printing" will be the topic of a slide-lecture to be conducted by Robert Wirth at the Baltimore Museum of Art

Gunman Loses Drug Store Fight

A white drug store owner grappled with and fought off a would-be holdup man Sunday night who fired a revolver at him point blank—and missed.

Frank Applestein of the 1000 block N. Fulton ave. told Northwestern district police that a man came into his store about 10:45 p.m., waited around until the store was empty, then pulled a gun and demanded:

"Give me that money from the cash register."

Mr. Applestein refused to budge, and the gunman came around behind the counter, pointed the pistol at him and fired.

The store owner then grabbed the gunman and struggled with him. Two teen-age girls entered the store about that time. Mr. Applestein's 16 - year - old daughter came in from the rear. The holdup man jumped up and ran out of the store.

Might Have Used Blanks

Witnesses described the gunman as about 28 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 190 pounds, and wearing a gray tweed overcoat.

Mr. Applestein, who escaped without injury and without loss of cash, said he thought the man might have had the gun loaded with blanks, inasmuch as no bullet was found in the store. Besides, he pointed out, the gun had been fired directly at him.

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MAL WHITFIELD SETS NEW WORLD RECORD

From A to Z with Sam Lacy

NEW YORK—It is most ironical that it rained here Saturday afternoon and evening . . . for it was on account of the unfavorable weather that the usual capacity house was not on hand at Madison Square Garden when Mal Whitfield turned his record-shattering 500-yard triumph in the New York A.C. indoor track meet . . . Track fans, in case you don't realize it, are perhaps the best educated of all the sports enthusiasts in the land . . . The real dyed - in - the - wool lover of track can put to shame the baseball and football bugs, when it comes to rattling off the names of national and international heroes and their various sundry achievements . . . Ask any diamond fan (even at Ebbets Field) the batting average of a particular star for the previous season, and you won't get many correct answers . . . but single out a footrace follower for information concerning the holder of a record in a given event and he'll come pretty close to telling you not only the

Sam Lacy

holder, but when and where he or she set it as well.

So it is that in recent years, the track populace has adopted an indifference of its own, one similar to that which looks chiefly for the home-run in baseball and for the knockout in prizefighting. . . . Like the Yankee Stadium and all the boxing arena, the Garden customers have reached the point where they want the climax stuff, and nothing short of it . . . they want records . . . That's why the column says it is ironical that rain fell here Saturday . . . at least 4,000 more persons would have been in on Whitfield's kill had the weather not turned sour . . . if for no other reason than that Marvelous Mal had put himself on the spot by predicting that the Buermeyer 500 was to be one of six records he plans to whip this year . . . The fans now will take him more seriously as he goes about gunning for the 400 meters, 440 yards, 600 yards, 880 yards and 800 meters . . . those are the five which remain . . . the previous Saturday, he equalled one of them—the 600 in Boston.

A veteran of nine years in the airforce, and with 42 combat missions over Korea in his personal backbag, Mal says he now is in the best shape of his long and colorful career, a career which already has seen him win two Olympic titles at 800 meters, both in record time of 1:49.2 . . . and he has set for himself the superman's goal of a third Olympic crown in addition to the six new world marks he wants to achieve . . . "After nine years of military duty," Whitfield told A to Z after his brilliant Buermeyer victory Saturday, "I'm now free to train the way I want to train . . . I love running, and I've always felt a man can do anything well if he cares enough for it . . . I'll take those records apart if God continues to help me as He has up to now, and I'll be around to win again at the 1956 Olympics, if it's His will."

Two individuals whom this department considers good enough to serve as authorities, think that Whitfield has a fine chance of stretching his talents over the four years between now and the 1956 Games . . . they are Joe Yancey, stellar New York Pioneer Club coach who twice has tutored the Jamaica entry in the Olympic competitions, and Eddie Conwell, regarded here as one of the all-time greats of the dash . . . "I think he can do it," says Yancey . . . "Running for a club as Mal's doing, he won't be so busy when the outdoor season sets in . . . Most of the club running is indoors and there isn't much demand for him when we go outside . . . The meets he enters will be just enough to keep him sharp . . . And if he needs to, he can rest for a year and then come back like (Harrison) Dillard" . . . Opines Conwell: "Sure, Mal can do it, unless he comes up with some sort of accident . . . You see, that guy doesn't 'work' at running . . . He puts such little effort into the thing he doesn't hurt himself . . . Mal doesn't actually run, he flows!"

Reason Harrison Dillard holds such complete mastery over he rest of the hurdles field, our personal expert, Ed Smith, says, is that Dillard "knows what to do with his trail knee" . . . According to Smith, the procedure was to have the athlete's request okeyed by Washington (after it was found he is amateur) and then send along to Dr. Leo Holton, the treasurer, to be honored . . . All funds were raised by us, okeyed by us, handled by us from beginning to end . . . Washington had nothing to do with it; and the school could not tell us what to do with our money . . . The club, however, stopped functioning shortly after the death of Dr. Holton in 1949, and it may be that Coach Jackson then began soliciting and handling funds through his office . . . this, obviously, is why he felt into 'hot water.'"

Just three days before New York Giant infielder Hank Thompson was set upon by a hat-wielding taxicab driver, he had made the first payment on a new home . . . and two days before the attack, his lovely wife, Maria, was discharged by doctors who had brought her through the eight-day siege of virus pneumonia . . . Baseball fans of the Baltimore - Washington area who frequently call this department for information on Brooklyn Dodger games in Philadelphia, might keep in mind the fact that Joe Burns is scheduled for 11 tilts in Shibe Park this summer, and no fewer than nine are archlight affairs.

Speaking of the Phillies, it is interesting to note that Robin Roberts, the National League's leading pitcher in 1952, passes a letterhanded compliment to Jackie Robinson in his appraisal of the New York Yankee ace, Allie Reynolds . . . Roberts Says Roberts: "Allie must be great. It takes me a whole season to strike out Robinson three times, but Reynolds did it in one game in the World Series."

In the birthday department, Cleveland Indian rookie Al Smith celebrated last Saturday, and former World lightweight champ Bob Montgomery took bows on Tuesday . . . Thursday of this week, Morgan coach Eddie Hurt gets congrats . . . and former Morgan State college track and grid star Elmore (Pepper) Harris celebrated a notable event on Tuesday . . . he marked the opening of his brand new cleaning plant, largest in Harlem . . . with the aid of Monte Irvin and Mal Whitfield, at 262 W. 145th st.

companying pic shows the Olympic and world champ clearing the final bar in a recent indoor triumph . . . "Dillard's right knee," declares Smith, "is bent much more than the other fellows are flattened out in the old style of hurdling . . . When Dillard hits the floor, he's in full running stride; the others aren't . . . result is that he gains some part of a third stride on the position each time a fence is reached" . . . Interesting story on Dillard has to do with a recent race in which his youthful rival, Manhattan's Charley Pratt, led him to the first fence in a 60-yard event, then turned his head slightly to see where Dillard was . . . in so doing, he momentarily slowed down . . . After the race was over with Dillard the winner, the timber king ambled up to Pratt and commented: "Don't ever waste time looking for me, son, just stick to your running . . . I'll be along."

Mal Whitfield and Herb McKenley share what might well be termed the "invaluable distinction" over the years of being able to take a step in a race in a track meet . . . they're running on handmade gunflash shoes, given to them by an admirer in Frankfurt, Germany, last summer . . . put together in a dazzling red and white weave, the shoes weigh less than four ounces and can't be bought at any price . . . but they can be borrowed, if you're a right guy . . . Herbie, let Ollie Sax use his shoes when the blonde star of Penn State anchored the Nittany Lions to a clever win in one of the standard relay events at the Garden Saturday.

New England operative Lydia Brown reveals that three-fourths of that Boston University team which beat highly-touted Georgetown in the Boston AA's freshman mile relay event last second in Thursday's feature event, were coached by former Celtics, Dick and Bill Tatum and white Tom Covington . . . also that Bob Jones, the Tufts sophomore who cracked the old record for the games, and Billy Smith, who lowered the meet's half-mile standard, are of the flesh . . . Jones's 51.1, while not sensational, was four-tenths of a second under the previous best clocking, by Dartmouth's Pete McCreary . . . Smith's 880 was a 1:54.2 effort

The Roller Derby has come up with its first war face . . . He's Maurice Plummer, a former Indianapolis Clowns diamond star . . . 25 years old, he's been taken on as a member of the new Chicago club.

The "documentary evidence" which Eddie Jackson passed along to the press last week to substantiate his claim that Howard University dean J. St. Clair Price knew what they were going on, isn't truly impressive . . . The former Bison football coach gave the AFRO a copy of a communication he reported to have been written to Dr. Joe Dodson by dean Price, in which the latter advised Dodson that a certain Hoyas athlete needed to be given the amount of $30 . . . Dodson at the time was president of the H Club, an alumni group which offered aid to boys who appeared capable of helping the school to field a representative football team.

Dean Price told A to Z that the letter may or may not have been written, as Jackson claims . . . but he insisted that if it was written by his office, it must have been in reply to an inquiry concerning the condition of a student's account with the university . . . Attorney George G. Jefferson, a former assistant to Howard during the tenure of Charley West, and a member of the executive committee of the H Club at the time (1948) of the purported correspondence, explained: "Sure, it is quite likely that such a communication was written, and that it was written in reply to an inquiry from Dodson . . . The club was organized in 1945, at the suggestion of Louis Watson, who was wing brought in as head coach with Jackson as his assistant . . . It was Watson's idea that our group could, through voluntary contribution, help put Howard back on the football map, by giving assistance to boys who were proficient at the sport . . . It was to be purely an expression of alumni interest and entirely apart from the school.

"We could not afford to pass out money to every boy who said he needed something, so we settled on a plan to require the lad to bring some form of affidavit to us . . . The communication probably was in answer to an inquiry from our club . . . The procedure was to have the athlete's request okeyed by Washington (after it was found he is amateur) and then send along to Dr. Leo Holton, the treasurer, to be honored . . . All funds were raised by us, okeyed by us, handled by us from beginning to end . . . Washington had nothing to do with it; and the school could not tell us what to do with our money . . . The club, however, stopped functioning shortly after the death of Dr. Holton in 1949, and it may be that Coach Jackson then began soliciting and handling funds through his office . . . this, obviously, is why he felt into 'hot water.'"

Doby Real 'Holdout'

Tribe Star At Odds With Club Over Salary

PATERSON, N.J. — Larry Doby appears to be a determined holdout in his salary dispute with the Cleveland Indians.

The Tribe centerfielder, in a huff over what he considers "shabby" treatment by general manager Hank Greenberg, told the AFRO over the weekend that he "probably" is a "real holdout."

"You may call it that if you like. I'm not in a position to tell you what words or expressions to use. All I can say is that I have told the club what I think I'm worth and the club says it can't pay me what I'm asking. So, we're at a standstill.

"I figure the next move is up to the club. And if I hear from them, all right. If I don't, I guess that's all right, too. I imagine I'll live; perhaps not as well as I could with a baseball job. But I'll live."

Called Twice By Phone

Doby told the AFRO that Greenberg called him from New York last Saturday and again on Sunday, but that nothing came from the two conversations.

While he does not feel the decision to discuss the terms over the phone lies with the club and Greenberg are in dispute, other sources have indicated that the Indians are interested only in restoring the $3,000 lopped off Doby's contract when he signed last year after a relatively poor 1951 season.

"I can't see that as a fair proposition," Doby asserted. "Mr. Greenberg proposes I doesn't provide a raise for me, and I think I'm entitled to one. He cut me when I had what he called a bad season. Then he ought to raise me when I have a good one."

The stellar flychaser would seem to have some strong arguments in his favor in seeking a hike. He led the American League in homers in 1952, led the circuit in runs scored and tied for second in runs batted in. In addition, he was high up in the matter of triples and among the leaders from a defensive standpoint.

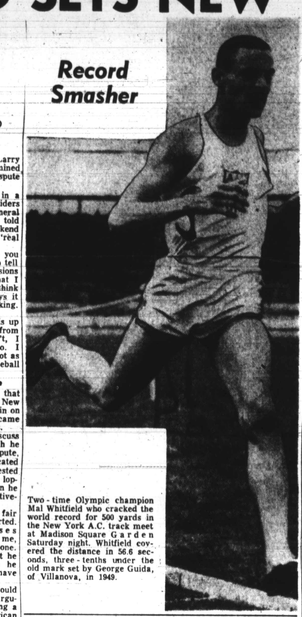
Greenberg Unavailable

Efforts to reach Greenberg by phone on Sunday were unavailing.

Doby had planned to leave Tuesday of this week for Hot Springs, along with Monte Irvin, of the New York Giants. He told the writer that he had abandoned these plans and that he has no intention of reporting to he Tribe's spring training camp at Tucson, Ariz., "until I hear something further from Hank."

Doby is believed to have been drawing $28,000 in 1951, and was offered a cut of $2,000 at the beginning of last year—SAM LACY

Record Smasher



Two - time Olympic champion Mal Whitfield who cracked the world record for 500 yards in the New York A.C. track meet at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night. Whitfield covered the distance in 56.6 seconds, three-tenths under the old mark set by George Guida, of Villanova, in 1949.

Former Air Ace Fulfills Pledge To Smash 500 Mark

Remains Unbeaten For Season Along With Dillard And Bragg In New York Meet; Browne Wins 880

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK—A world-record feat by Marvelous Mal Whitfield highlighted the annual New York A.C. indoor track meet, staged Saturday night before upward of 12,000 persons at Madison Square Garden.

The former air force sergeant, veteran of 42 combat missions over Korea, captured the celebrated Buermeyer 500-yard dash in the sensational time of 56.6 seconds, three-tenths under the clocking of George Guida, who set the previous mark for the distance in this same race four years ago—February 12, 1949.

Whitfield thus became the third tan star of the evening to protect an unbeaten skein for the indoor season. Before his brilliant accomplishment, Art Bragg, of Morgan State College, had taken the 60-yard dash title in 6.3 seconds, and Harrison Dillard, Cleveland's master hurdler, had grabbed the laurels in the 60-yard high fence event in 7.3.

Neither of the three has been defeated on the boards this year.

A fourth crown, this one in the form of a mild surprise, was picked up by Roscoe Browne, the spindly Morgan State College professor. Browne, running in the colors of the New York Pioneer Club, spanked a fashionable field of half - milers in the Matt Halpin 880, including the Metropolitan AAU champ, Reggie Pearman, and the winner of the Millrose feature, white Carl Joyce, of Georgetown university. Roscoe was caught in 1:55.7 on the watches.

Predicted Record

Easily the most spectacular achievement of the evening was the Whitfield triumph. For, although the smooth - striding Olympic king was conceded the victory, he had voluntarily placed himself over the proverbial barrel by predicting that he would do just what he did—crack the record.

With only four starters, the race was a truly run competition all the way. Herb McKenley, Whitfield's teammate on the star-studded Grand Street Boys Association roster, showed the most early speed as expected, but Whitfield, the slender Jamaican shot to the front with Ollie Sax, of Penn State, dogging his heels. Whitfield, settling in stride, was content with third place, some four yards ahead of the trailing Joe Gaffney, of Villanova.

Wins By 7 Yards

After the first of the three laps, Mal moved past Sax, winner of the event last year, and closed somewhat on the flying McKenley. It was obvious that the Olympian did not intend to let his speedy teammate steal too big a lead.

As the two leaders went into the bend for the final run down the backstretch, Whitfield took to the outside and swept past McKenley with the matchless grace that belongs to him alone.

At the tape, he was seven yards better than Sax who closed with a burst to take the runner-up spoils from McKenley.

The crowd, fully aware that Whitfield had made good his boast, if so it could be called, was a buzz during the entire points, took matters into his own hands and led the visitors home free.

The 6 feet, 2 inch guard scored 10 points in the fourth stanza to help Howard preserve its second victory over Smith in the last five meetings.

It was also Howard's third triumph in nine conference tilts this campaign. The loss snapped the Bulls' victory streak at four and left them with a six-and-five record against conference clubs and seven and five overall.

Howard opened with a burst of scoring that catapulted it into a 16-14 first quarter lead. After riding the bench throughout the period, William Jones, Smith's high-scoring center, came in at the start of the second and sparked a flurry of scoring that carried the Golden Bulls out to a 34-31 advantage by halftime. The herd was on top, 49-48, at the end of the third session.

Emory Maxjue shot 24 points for the victors and Charles Mitchell contributed 11. Claude Saunders, Charles Motley and Jones were the pace-setters for the Bulls with 17, 15 and 15.

A total of 52 fouls were called. Smith lost Carver Leach via the foul route, while the Bulls lost Benjamin Watkins. Both boys fouled out in the final period.

Bisons Upset J. C. Smith, 77-71, In Charlotte Clash

20 Points By Neal Prove Spark Of Howard's Last-Quarter Rally

CHARLOTTE — Howard university basketers came from behind to score a 77-71 upset over Johnson C. Smith in a thrill-packed Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association clash here Saturday night.

Down 49-48 at the start of the final period and 65-60 at 4:50 of the quarter, William Neal, who finished the evening with 20 points, took the Bisons home free.

The 6 feet, 2 inch guard scored 10 points in the fourth stanza to help Howard preserve its second victory over Smith in the last five meetings.

It was also Howard's third triumph in nine conference tilts this campaign. The loss snapped the Bulls' victory streak at four and left them with a six-and-five record against conference clubs and seven and five overall.

Howard opened with a burst of scoring that catapulted it into a 16-14 first quarter lead. After riding the bench throughout the period, William Jones, Smith's high-scoring center, came in at the start of the second and sparked a flurry of scoring that carried the Golden Bulls out to a 34-31 advantage by halftime. The herd was on top, 49-48, at the end of the third session.

Emory Maxjue shot 24 points for the victors and Charles Mitchell contributed 11. Claude Saunders, Charles Motley and Jones were the pace-setters for the Bulls with 17, 15 and 15.

A total of 52 fouls were called. Smith lost Carver Leach via the foul route, while the Bulls lost Benjamin Watkins. Both boys fouled out in the final period.

Where's Jackie? Paper Says Power On Way Out

KANSAS CITY—Maybe Jackie Robinson wasn't so far off base when he ventured the opinion early this winter that the front office of the New York Yankees does not want a colored player in the Stadium.

According to the Kansas City Call, weekly newspaper, Jim Power, the hard-hitting utility star of the Kansas City Blues, may not be back with the Yankees' American Association farm club next season, to say nothing of being called up to the parent organization.

The paper quotes Parke Carroll, general manager of the Blues:

"Jim is not doing to well in winter league baseball in Puerto Rico and I can't say at this time whether he will be able to make the club next season."

Too Much Baseball

Carroll intimated it was his opinion the Puerto Ricans have been playing too much baseball and that he is hurting his own chances for a major league advancement by not getting enough rest.

It was reported late last season that Power, who played outstandingly at third base, first base and in the outfield, complained often of being tired.

The 22-year-old slugger, the first colored player to wear the uniform of the Blues, has been playing the year round for the past two years, going from regular play in the United States to Winter League play in Puerto Rico.

Popular With Fans

Significantly, Power was not named among the Blues players invited to attend the mid-winter banquet of the Yankee farm hands starting Feb. 15, at Glendale, Cal., and Lake Wales, Fla.

The most versatile player on the team last season, Power also emerged the third most popular Blue by a fan poll. He finished third highest in batting and first in triples with the Blues last season.

Tufts Thinclads Stand Out In New England AAU Games

PROVIDENCE—A bevy of tan athletes produced enough of the fireworks here Monday and Tuesday when the annual New England AAU track and field competitions were run off.

Following the twin and place in the broad jump of the field events held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology Monday, the contingent moved indoors to the Cranston Street Armory and continued their winning ways.

Robert (Bob) Jones, captain and "one-man gang" of the Tufts university squad, captured the jump with a leap of 22 feet, 3½ inches. He was followed by Phil Anderson of Quonset Naval Air Base.

Jones, incidentally, ran up a total of 11 points to cop individual honors in the two-day meet.

On Tuesday evening, Reggie Alleyne, another Tufts standout, took the featured 50-yard dash in 5.7 seconds, and Anderson copped the companion event, conducted for armed services contestants, in 5.9 seconds.

That same evening, Jones tied Boston university's Bruce Hescock, white, for first place in the high jump, and later in the program was back to finish third in the high hurdles event.

To climax the affair, Alan Hose anchored the victorious Harvard university mile relay team as it beat Boston, Tufts and Providence in that order: in 3:35.2.

Due chiefly to the efforts of Jones and Alleyne, Tufts won the team championship.

Whitfield Wins Hub Track Award

BOSTON—Mal Whitfield became the second tan athlete in the long history of award to win the John J. Hallahan Memorial trophy, here last week.

Whitfield was voted the award as the "most outstanding athlete" in the annual Boston A. A. track and field games. The vote, made by Eastern track writers covering the meet, had previously been won only by John Borican, of the Boston A. A. and storied luminaries to compete in the games.

Mal the Magnificent, running in the colors of the Grand Street Boys' Association, captured the Hollis 600, in record-matching time. He drew 45 points, well ahead of runner-up Horace Ashenfelter. — LYDIA BROWN.

Tenn. Splashers Humble West Va.

NASHVILLE — Setting three new pool records and winning every first place and all but one second place, Tennessee State University Sharks splashed to a 74-10 win over West Virginia State college tankmen here last Saturday.

Senior Stanley Gainor set one mark and was in on the breaking of another. He swam the 220-yard free style in 2:27, shaving two-tenths of a second off the old record, and was a member of the 400-yard relay team that turned in a time of 3:35 which is four-tenths of a second better than the old mark. Other members of the relay team were Leroy Jones, D. Jackson and E. Kirk.

Freshman Jones trimmed nine-tenths of a second from the record in the 100-yard free style event by swimming the course in 56.2.

NAL Owners Set Winter Meeting For Chi Feb. 16

CHICAGO—The owners in the Negro American League will delve into two problems when they gather here Feb. 16 for the annual big winter meeting. The owners will not only elect officers for the ensuing year, but will also arrange a schedule for the six teams.

Dr. J. B. Martin, in announcing the date for the meeting, said: "We will have to accomplish in eight hours what we usually do in two meetings—one in December and another in February."

The league proxy, who is unopposed for the league leadership, also expressed some words of optimism for the coming season. "I'm firmly convinced that, in 1952," said Baird, the oldest owner in the Negro American League in the point of service, "We expect a few of our former players to be released from the armed forces in time to play most of the season with the club. The drafting of some of our young prospects in the past three years hit us hard."

Baird also revealed that the Monarchs will hold their spring training in Atlanta, Ga., this year. In past years the Kaycees have done their spring training in Texas.

Dismukes To Yanks

With William (Dixxy) Dismukes signing as scout for the New York Yankees, manager John O'Neil will also fill the post of team secretary during the season.

Syd Pollock of the Indianapolis Clowns, champions of the league, said that he's getting his contracts ready to be put in the mail either this week, or next. Pollock said while the team will have a number of new players, most of the regulars of the 1952 season will be back in uniform.

Dr. W. S. Martin, owner of the Memphis Red Sox, along with his manager, Homer (The Goose) Curry, has been beating the bushes in an effort to find a couple of pitchers to replace the hurlers sold to the big leagues last fall.

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Campbell's Future Great Says Dillard

NEW YORK—If the word of Harrison Dillard means anything—and it should considering his talents as a hurdling genius—New Jersey high school boy Milton Campbell has a great future in track.

"Milt already is a tremendous athlete but he's going to be much better," Dillard says.

"He's trained hard and has been well coached but what he's done so far has been due to sheer natural talent. He's still green. With more training he'll be much better.

"I guess Campbell and Pratt (Charlie Pratt of Manhattan College) have the best chance of beating me right now indoors.

"I have no idea when I'll run. I feel fine. I haven't been in such good condition since I left college."

Dillard says he also knows Campbell is a fine football player with a chance for a college scholarship in that sport.

"I don't know what he'll decide to do," the slender Olympic champion declared. "I know he likes football but he also likes track a lot."

Quidley Shines As Shaw Scores

RALEIGH — Monty Quidley, celebrating his birthday, led a second half scoring spree as Shaw's Bears downed Bluefield State, 86-64, last week.

The game moved slowly as the Bears went ahead by a score of 19-13. The Big Blues stayed in the game as the score moved to 33-23 at the end of the first half.

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