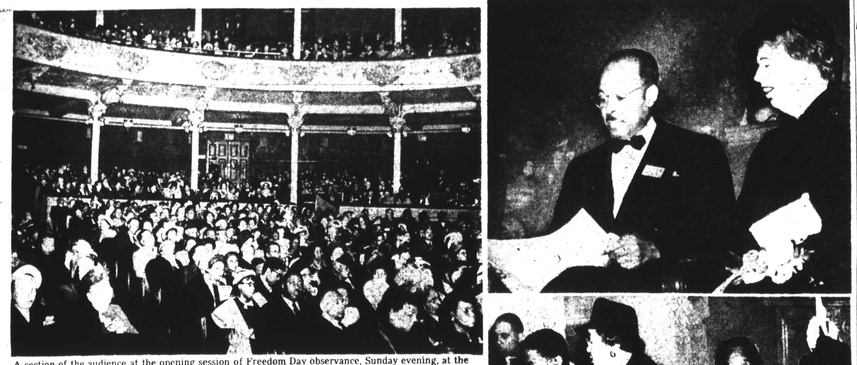
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt Attends Freedom Rally



A section of the audience at the opening session of Freedom Day observance, Sunday evening, at the Academy of Music. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt (upper right) former First Lady of the nation, is shown with E. C. Wright, president of the National Freedom Day Association, shortly before she spoke at the annual celebration last Tuesday at Town Hall, Philadelphia. (Lower right) Delegates to the National Freedom Day exercises in Philadelphia this week lunch at the Pyramid Club between business sessions. Pictured, to right: Thomas Henry, Richard L. Bellamy, Baltimore of New York, Mrs. W. B. Gale of Alabama, Robert H. Miller of Arizona and Mrs. E. C. Wright of Philadelphia.

Tribute to Mrs. Roosevelt Highlights Rally Climaxing Freedom Day Exercises

3-Day Celebration Featured by Speeches, Songs and Salute to Late Major R. R. Wright

PHILADELPHIA

Climax of the three-day observance of National Freedom Day here was the dramatic appearance of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at the final program Tuesday night at Town Hall.

Mrs. Roosevelt was not scheduled to address the meeting. She was in the city to speak at the kick-off meeting of the Fellowship Commission's membership enrollment drive. When the former First Lady entered the auditorium, the house lights were turned on and the audience arose as one to pay extended tribute to one of the world's most noted women leaders.

Mrs. Roosevelt was introduced by the National Freedom Day Association's president, Emmanuel C. Wright, who presented her with a citation in behalf of the body as "an outstanding citizen of the United States." The scroll also cited Mrs. Roosevelt for her continued effort in spreading the cause of freedom throughout the world.

In response, the late President's widow expressed her belief in the principles to which the United Nations are dedicated, and indicated her confidence in the future of that organization for obtaining world security.

Founded in 1941

While the appearance of Mrs. Roosevelt constituted the high point in the three-day ceremonies commemorating the constitutional amendment outlawing slavery, other distinguished guests paid tribute to the occasion which was founded by the late Major R. R. Wright Jr., in 1941. This year's exercises were the latest since the realization made by President Harry S. Truman, following the signing of a joint Congressional resolution which made the event a national observance.

Both of the men who originally introduced the resolution to Congress, Senator Francis F. Myers (Dem. Pa.) and former Congressman Robert N. McGarvey, also of Pa. took an active part in the program and made major addresses.

Senator Myers emphasized the necessity for passing the civil rights legislation by the 81st Congress pointing out that freedom is indivisible and must be enjoyed everywhere. He also payed tribute to the founder of the association and credited him with the major responsibility for the establishment of National Freedom Day.

Praises Major Wright

Mr. McGarvey advised the assemblage that the consequences of Freedom Day "will grow as the years go by, and the contributions of those whose freedom it commemorated enrich the culture of America and assist its progress as a free nation." He also praised the founder "for the annual celebration of all citizens to liberty for all."

One of the outstanding features was the musical background provided by the National Freedom Day Chorus, directed by Madame A. C. Bilbrew, Hollywood musician and actress. A gigantic singing group, consisting of members of 27 church choirs, and two musical organizations, received thunderous applause for their rendition of "This is Freedom Day," composed by Madame Bilbrew, "Let's go Americans," and several other selections.

A sound film, featuring the late Major Wright, noted banker, was shown.

Other highlights included the presentation of the pen with which President Truman signed the National Freedom Day Bill, by Elder Solomon Lightfoot Micheaux, the presentation of the scrolls to Senator Myers, Congressman McGarvey, Mayor Samuel, and the son of the late Senator James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania, for their individual efforts to have the bill passed; a special citation to President Truman for his devotion to the cause of freedom; and the presentation of scholarship awards to four young persons.

The principal officer at the Town Hall meeting was Dr. Sherman Scruggs, president of Lincoln University, and vice president of the National Freedom Day Association. Other officers were official delegates from 22 states, who had been named by Lincoln University in Missouri. In addition Governors were present to represent their territory.

TO SING IN FREDERICKSBURG

FREDERICKSBURG, Va.—The Celestia Chapter of the Eastern Star will present Mrs. Margarette B. Whyle, lyric soprano, in a recital on Feb. 24 at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 427.

Schoolboy Shot to Death by Pal With 'Empty Gun'

PHILADELPHIA

A 16-year-old schoolboy was shot to death, Saturday, when another teen-ager playfully pointed a .32 caliber revolver at him and fired a bullet which penetrated his heart.

Police said the tragedy occurred as the victim, David Horace Jr. 2105 W. Norris St., was admiring the weapon in a third-floor apartment at 1947 N. 21st St.

The youth who allegedly fired the fatal shot, identified himself as Russell Robinson, 15, of the 21st St. address, had reportedly invited young Horace and two other playmate to his home for the purpose of showing them the revolver.

Played With Hidden Gun

The other boys, police later learned, were Nathan Avery, 15, and his 13-year-old brother, Walter, both of 2021 W. Norris St.

After the boys entered the Robinson home, Russell, a freshman at Northeast High School, led them into the bedroom. There, he took the gun from between two mattresses, where his mother, Mrs. Irme Robinson, had hidden it. Mrs. Robinson, who is estranged from her husband, was at work at the time.

Believed Gun Empty

Russell, police said, broke open the gun and shook two bullets from the chamber. Thinking that the weapon was empty, he reportedly trained it on one of the Avery youths and pulled the trigger. There was no discharge.

The Robinson youth then turned to David and pointed the weapon at him. He pulled the trigger and a shot rang out. David, grasping at his chest, gasped, turned and fled from toh room. He reached the second floor landing, before collapsing.

The other boys became frightened. The Avery brothers raced down the stairs, past the fallen playmate of the Avery brothers.

Last Bullet in Gun

After interrogating the brothers and learning their version of the shooting, the detectives went to the Robinson home. No one was there since Mrs. Robinson, who is employed by a clothing concern, had not come home from work.

The gun was found where Russell had thrown it. It was empty.

When questioned by detectives later, Mrs. Robinson said she had received the gun used in the shooting from a brother about four years ago. She told investigators this she did not know that her son knew she had the weapon.

Young Horace was pronounced dead at Women's Homepathic Hospital, where he was taken in an emergency patrol.

One of four children, he was a pupil at the Daniel Boone School, Hancock and Wilder St.

George Godfrey's Manager Has Paralytic Stroke

CHESTER, Pa.—James F. (The Baron) Dougherty, 73, who managed the late George Godfrey when "Big Gawge" was leading heavyweight title contender 20 years ago, suffered a stroke, Friday, and collapsed in the Delaware was taken to Chester Hospital

DAVID HORACE, JR.

Insurance Board Members Resign as Law Requires

DURHAM, N.C.— Two veteran executives of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., tendered their resignations recently because of ineligibility under a State statute, it has been announced by C. C. Spaulding, president of the company.

The executives who will be retained as assistant secretary and vice president, respectively, are M. A. Goins of Durham who has served the company since 1916, as statistician, ordinary department manager, and currently assistant secretary in charge of the mortgage, loan and real estate department; and

J. L. Wheeler of Atlanta, now serving as assistant agency director and vice president, who became associated with the company in 1908. North Carolina law requires that directors of a mutual company hold current policies.

Resign Voluntarily

President Spaulding's statement pointed out that "when endowment policies held by Goins and Wheeler matured and were paid off, they found themselves beyond the age limit to obtain additional insurance coverage with the company."

Realizing that they were no longer eligible for membership on the board of directors, Mr. Spaulding said they tendered their resignations voluntarily as directors to the "regret of their fellow board members."

Broken Power Saw Cuts Off Wood Dealer's Arm

PHILADELPHIA

A 36-year-old wood dealer's right arm was severed Monday, when a circular saw blade cracked in two and flew off its motor on his sales lot at Warfield and Reed Sts.

The victim, Abbott Gibson, 1740 N. Bouvier St., was using the saw when the accident occurred. Police took him to Philadelphia General Hospital, where physicians said his arm was cut off above the elbow.

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HOWARD LOSES THRILLER TO N. C. STATE

Bisons Blow 10-Point Lead as Eagles Fly to Victory

Herring Sparks Late Rally for Carolinians at Turner's; Morgan Next Foe of Hilltoppers

WASHINGTON

Robert Herring, slippery 5-foot, 6-inch forward, playing the role of giant killer, eluded Howard University's willowy defense in the closing minutes to cap a rifleshot second half rally and give North Carolina State College a 52-47 win over the Bisons, Tuesday night, in Turner's Arena.

The 145-pound senior sparked a hefty final kick which saw the high flying Eagles snap a 44-44 deadlock in the homestretch with a torrid finish. Herring held to a single free throw in the first half, tallied nine points in the second session, five of them in the stretch run after slipping down the floor past Leon Bryant and Virgil Arneron for consecutive layup shots.

Last of the original Whit Kids, Herring gave his teammates a 46-44 margin with 90 seconds remaining. Then William Young, who tallied 11 points in the second half, flipped in three points and Capt. Hunter a free throw to ice the contest.

Playing before 1800 spectators, the Eagles trailed 28-18 at half-time following erratic shooting and close guarding by Howard under the basket. Harry Taylor, 6-foot center, working from the pivot, was hard pressed under the boards by George Jett and Frank Booth, and was held to eight points in the first half.

Returning to the court after intermission, Coach Jimmy McLendon's Eagles went to work immediately, whittling a 10-point Bison lead to two tallies in the first three minutes of play on set shots by Thomas Ramey, 6-foot freshman from Belmar, N.J., and crips by Young.

Whitle Bisons' Lead

The visitors, seeking their 10th victory in 14 games, overhauled the locals after six minutes of play on Ramey's backcourt shot. The Eagles took a temporary 33-32 margin, but Booth and Jett sent the Hilltoppers out front again, 38-35.

For a while it looked as if the locals would wrap up the contest as Ernie Davis, who sparked the first half attack flipped in three consecutive backcourt shots in an effort to open up N.C. State's close defense of 2-1-2 and 2-3 under the baskets. Davis, a 5-foot, 9-inch sophomore from Orange, N.J., set a blistering pace for the locals, but the offensive strategy of the remaining members of the team was stymied, and his lone performance was not enough.

Davis, Lone Bison Threat

The diminutive Davis tallied six of 11 Bison points in the first 12 minutes of play, breaking fast down the side to take handoffs from Jett in the pivot.

Howard took an 8-4 margin in the first five minutes of play after mapping the count at 2-2 and 4-4. The Hilltoppers stretched the lead to 13-6, and rebounded from a 13-13, 16-16 count to surge ahead on goals by Jett, Walter Wright, Anderson, Alfred Johnson and Bud Ward on a fast break with a man waiting under the basket for rebounds.

The Bisons held a decided advantage on under-the-basket shots in the first half, but lost out in the closing session.

Was on Free Throws

Actually the contest was won from the free throw line with both teams bagging 20 field goals, but the Eagles tallied 12 free throws to the local's 11 handicaps, giving their loss in 10 CIAA starts. It was the Bisons' second loss in their home court.

Taking scoring honors for the losers was Ernie Davis with 16 points while scoring finds were almost equally divided among Young and Ramey with 11 apiece and Taylor and Herring with 10 apiece.

The Eddie-Jackson-coached cagers will seek their eights triumph in 11 starts when they face Morgan tomorrow night (Saturday) at Baltimore.

HOWARD	G	F	P	STATE	G	F	P
Ward, f	1	0	2	Young, f	4	3	11
Davis, f	8	0	16	Herring, f	4	2	10
Booth, f	3	1	7	Jones, f	0	0	0
Wright, f	0	1	1	Travis, f	0	0	0
Jett, c	4	3	11	Ramey, c	4	3	11
Taylor, c	3	2	8	Hunter, c	3	4	10
Johnson, c	1	0	2	Ramey, g	2	3	11
Arneron, g	1	0	2	Williams, g	0	0	0
Anders, g	2	1	5	Warlick, g	2	1	5
Stewart, g	0	0	0				
Smith, g	1	0	2				
Totals	20	8	51	Totals	20	13	52

Score—halftime: Howard 28, North Carolina State 18. Free throws missed: Jett 2, Pollard 1, Booth 1, Herring 1, Hunter 4, Ramey 1, Harvey 1, Taylor 1. Officials—Otis Troup and Roy Tinsen.

3-Way Tie Holds in Cage League

The Fulton A.C. basketball team showed a complete reversal of its form by winning its second straight Intermediate League victory Monday night at the Sharp St. Gym, defeating the Finos, 42-37.

The Fultons, paced by Avon Hicks and Cecil Coates, both scoring 14 points, took an early lead and were never threatened.

The Bantu-Dons continued their winning ways by downing the Morning Adelphi five, 37-35, while Enon Baptist nosed out St. Peter Claver, 29-28.

STANDINGS	W	L	PCT.
Enon Baptist	3	0	1.000
Bantu-Dons	3	0	1.000
Fultons	3	0	1.000
Brown Dots	2	1	.667
Cougar-Adelphi	0	2	.000
Finos	0	3	.000
St. Peter Claver	0	3	.000

Druid Hill Y Cage Notes

STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE

	Was	Lost	Pct.
Cougar-Adelphi	5	1	.833
Rogers Bullets	4	1	.800
Druid Hill Cube	3	2	.600
Robins	3	3	.500
Carver Hi-Y	2	3	.400
Rockets	1	4	.200
Douglass Hi-Y	0	5	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	Was	Lost	Pct.
Laurnettes	5	0	1.000
Wildcats	4	1	.750
Jr. Bullets	3	1	.750
Jr. Robins	1	3	.250
Spartans	1	3	.250
Union Bears	0	4	.000

COMING GAMES

Tuesday, Feb. 15

6 p.m.—Trinity Bullets vs. Carver Hi-Y

7 p.m.—Rockets vs. Douglass Hi-Y

Friday, Feb. 18

7 p.m.—Trinity Bullets vs. Robins. (preliminary to Big Five Coatesville, Pa. Clippers.)

SUMMARIES

BULLETS	G	F	P	S. HILL CUBS	G	F	P
Valentine, f	0	0	0	Rice, f	4	0	8
Wright, f	0	0	0	Jackson, f	3	1	7
Harris, f	3	0	6	Holley, f	3	1	7
Johnson, f	4	3	11	Robinson	0	0	0
Bennett, f	3	1	5	Dotson	1	0	2
Brooks, c	0	0	0	Hawkins	0	0	0
Theodore, c	0	0	0	Dumas	0	0	0
Thornton, c	0	0	0				
Chase, g	0	0	0				
Willis, g	0	2	2				
Cauley, g	4	0	8				
Totals	14	8	36	Totals	15	3	35

The Trinity Bullets took over second place in the Rogers League Y loop by defeating the Sugar Hill Cube in a squeaker 36-35. The Cubes dropped the Sugar Hill Cube down a peg by whipping the Robins brilliantly. The Bullets converted 8 foul shots to the Cube for the victory. Robinson of the Cubs was high point man with 14 points. Johnson and Woodson were best for the Bullets with 11 and 8.

CARVER HI-Y	G	F	P	ROCKETS	G	F	P
Parker, f	0	0	0	Khan, f	0	0	0
Hunt, f	4	0	12	Grant, f	0	3	3
Newman, c	2	0	18	Alston	0	0	0
Rogers, g	0	0	0	Jones, g	1	0	2
Taylor, g	4	0	8	Smith, g	0	0	0
				Gunn, g	0	0	0
Totals	10	0	40	Totals	1	3	5

The Rockets played inspired ball in the first half but couldn't not pass their advantage. Newman hit 18, for the winners. Nash and Alston scored 14 and 12 for the improved Rockets.

COUGAR	G	F	P	BLAKE	G	F	P
Peters, f	2	1	5	Blake, f	4	1	9
Fosters, f	4	3	11	Tyler, f	4	0	8
Martin, c	2	3	7	Tuggle, f	1	0	2
Taylor, g	0	0	0	Harris, c	0	0	0
Jenkins, g	0	0	0	Hargrove, c	4	0	8
				Billups, g	1	0	2
				Barber, g	3	2	13
				Carroll, g	0	0	0
Totals	10	6	24	Totals	20	9	40

Cougar-Adolphs smarting from a defeat by the Douglass Hi-Y Club, bounced back with a 24-10 victory over the Douglass Hi-Y Club. Led by Peters, the Cougar-Adolphs got rolling early and stayed in command. Matthews scored 10 points for the losers.

Stars Buy Bus

PHILADELPHIA

With a larger roster to cover the reorganized Negro American League, the Philadelphia Stars have acquired a new bus in which to travel. The Houston Eagles and Stars are the baseball rival's two most distant rival in the 10-team loop.

Bisons Facing Crucial 2-Game Setto in 4 Days

WASHINGTON

Howard University's towering cagers, having been jolted out of their complacency by North Carolina State Eagles after amassing a five-game win streak, face two crucial tilts in four days.

The coming games, regarded as a turning point in the Hilltoppers's season, CIAA state, will pit the Bisons against Morgan, tomorrow (Saturday) at the Baltimore Coliseum, and on Tuesday night at Turner's Arena against Hampton Institute's Pirate cagers.

Coach Eddie Jackson, whose team has played 11 of its 19 tilts, has two games pending against with caution. "Where we will defend, we shall be called upon to depend on what we do in the next three games," he opined.

Jackson, in reference to th Hilltoppers tussle last night (Thursday) with Lincoln University Lions whom they met for the first time this season.

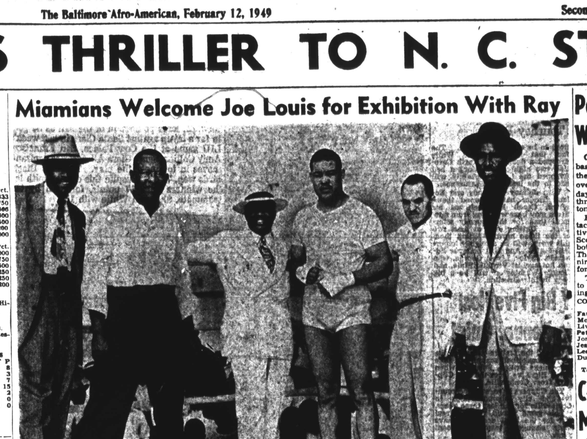
"Any of the tilts can go any way against Va State last night. The Bisons will receive little recognition in meeting Hampton. The Pirates, slowly regaining their preseason exhibition form which saw them win six straight games including a 66-60 victory over Princess Anne, now boast of a 3-2 record.

In surprising triumphs over Morgan, 50-48, Virginia State, 55-54, and St. Paul, 65-62, it is suspected the Pirates have hit their stride, and will be difficult to scuttle.

Hampton Has Height

The Pirate quintet will rival Howard in height, with all players standing 6 feet and above. Heading the Hampton team will be Capt. John (Curly) Wilson, 6-foot, 1-inch guard; Charles (Scap) Lewis, 6-foot, 3-inch center; Chuck Williams, 6-foot, 3-inch guard; Hank Allen and James Foster, 6-foot, 4 inch forwards. Foster is a former Armstrong High School cager and star player with the Banneker Mohawks. LEIGH.

Miamians Welcome Joe Louis for Exhibition With Ray



Thousands of Miamians turned out to welcome Joe Louis who boxed a six-round exhibition with Elmer Ray in the Orange Bowl stadium Tuesday night. Citizens are: left to right, Clyde Killens, Willie Slater, John A. Diaz, Joe Louis, Marshal Miles and Stanley Sweeting.—Johnson of Hollywood photo.

Pointers Bow in Overtime, 51-44

The surprising Pointers gave Easterwood Progressive AC, first half winners of the Maryland AAAA Senior League, a rough time of it Sunday when it took the intercastal team an overtime period to score by 51-44.

The Western Electric boys, led the Strawmen, who scored 20 points, fought Easterwood to 40-40 deadlock at the end of regulation time. In the overtime period, Easterwood came to life and, led by Thomas, Johnson and Moody, won their third straight league overtime game.

The E Baltimore Poets downed a hard fighting Harlem Bear five 52-34. In other games on the card the Scorpions trimmed the United Public Workers, 31-30, while the Barracudas downed St. Pius, 45-27.

STANDINGS	W	L	PCT.
Easterwood	1	0	1.000
Scorpions	1	0	1.000
Barracudas	1	0	1.000
E. Poets	1	0	1.000
UPW	0	1	.000
St. Pius	0	1	.000
Harlem Bears	0	1	.000
Pointers	0	1	.000

3-Way Tie Holds in Cage League

The Fulton A.C. basketball team showed a complete reversal of its form by winning its second straight Intermediate League victory Monday night at the Sharp St. Gym, defeating the Finos, 42-37.

The Fultons, paced by Avon Hicks and Cecil Coates, both scoring 14 points, took an early lead and were never threatened.

The Bantu-Dons continued their winning ways by downing the Morning Adelphi five, 37-35, while Enon Baptist nosed out St. Peter Claver, 29-28.

STANDINGS	W	L	PCT.
Enon Baptist	3	0	1.000
Bantu-Dons	3	0	1.000
Fultons	3	0	1.000
Brown Dots	2	1	.667
Cougar-Adelphi	0	2	.000
Finos	0	3	.000
St. Peter Claver	0	3	.000

Peters Floormen Win in Baltimore

Cortez Peters Business School basketers of Washington, scored their second victory of the season over the Harlem Bears here Thursday night when they captured a thrilling 40-37 decision at Lexington Street Center.

Faulkner and Moore led the attack with 12 and 9 points, respectively, but it fell to the lot of Scotty Gross, of the losers, to pace both teams in individual scoring. The elongated Bear guard counted nine field goals and a free throw for a total of 19 points.

The Bears had previously bowed to the Clerks in a game at Washington.

CORTEZ PETERS			HARLEM BEARS		
	G	F	P		G F P
Faulkner	6	0	12	Ford	1 0 2
Moore	4	1	9	Warren	0 0 0
Lively	1	0	2	Anderson	3 0 6
Paterson	3	0	6	Campbell	0 0 0
Jones	3	1	7	Jordan	1 0 2
Jones	3	0	6	Gross	9 1 19
Lee	1	0	2	Former	0 2 2
Dunn	1	0	2	Gibbons	1 0 2
Totals	19	2	40	Totals	17 3 37

Co-ed Swim, New Men's Group at Y

The Druid Hill Avenue YMCA is now sponsoring a Co-ed Swim Class every Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. Members of the YMCA are admitted free of cost. Admission for non-members is a nominal fee.

Although the emphasis is on recreational swimming, individual instruction in swimming beginning or advanced, is available.

The Busy Men's Health Club got its start last week. The group meets at the Y gymnasium at 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The club is designed to provide men who work at night, or persons who find this time convenient in their schedules with an opportunity for wholesome exercise.

The group spends one hour in the gymnasium, beginning at noon and one hour in the pool, beginning at 1 p.m.

Clicks for Typists

Hooks and Passes

BY THE OLD SCOUT

Was surprised to see Easterwood Progressive trim St. Francis Xavier so easily Saturday night at the Armory. This Saturday the intercastal quint meets the current leaders of the Eastern Service Command League, Third Cavalry from Camp Meade, at Richmond Market at 8.30 p.m. Third Cavalry is headed by All-American, Doug Kenna.

Barracudas knocked off the favored Clippers Saturday night, but Linwood Stevens's 56s was not up to standard. The Y Big Five edged the Scorpions last week in a tight tussle, 57-54. There is much talk of the Maryland AAAA All-Star game on Feb. 26. Tickets are in the hands of all team managers and they're going fast. Teams are now selecting players to appear in the All-Star line up.

Midnight, Feb. 13, is the deadline for signing new players in the Senior League.

Looks like the Fultons have really caught fire. Monday night they trounced the Finos for their second straight league victory. Look for some real fireworks at the next meeting of the Recreation Board. One of the teams in the Intermediate League had better watch its sportsmanship, or else. The Bantu-Dons, Intermediate League first-half winners, continue to dominate play in their division. The tall Clerks, led by Rose, Tellington and Ross, are in there trying all the time, and even though they come out second best most of time, they play the game. My hat is off to Manager Brooks.

St. Peter's Five Plays D.C. Quint

St. Peter Claver's crack quint, unbeaten in 13 games, will play the Cortez Peters School team of Washington, D.C. tonight (Friday) on the Cathol