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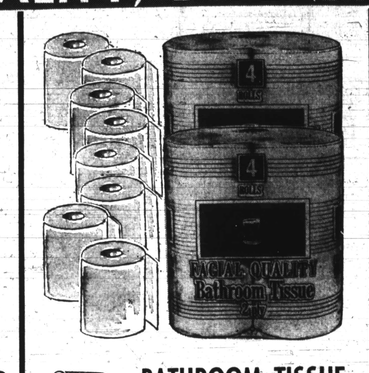

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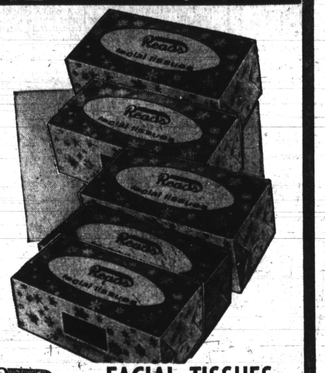

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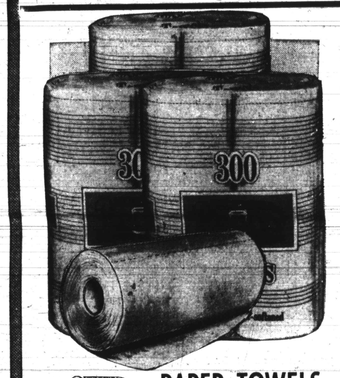

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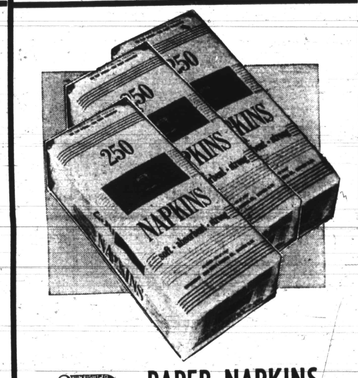

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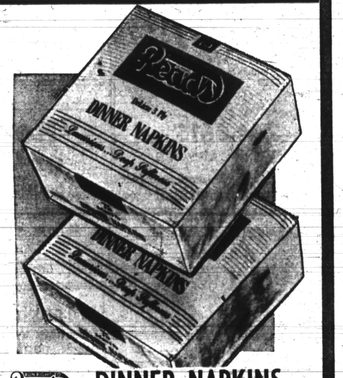

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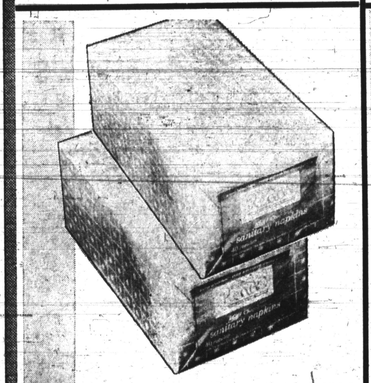

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Edmondson All-American has strong family ties

Friends of the household and residents of the area around Edmondson High School are wondering whether there is a more legitimate contender for "family of the year" honors than the Charles Pittmans of 824 Appleton St.

Mr. Pittman is the father of young Charlie Pittman, generally regarded as one of the finest football players in the region. He has also two other sons with an athletic bent, an attractive wife, and a vibrant daughter of 18, who is making her own way as a government employee.

With three teenagers in the group and a youngster of 7, to keep all the elders on their toes, the Pittman parents consider themselves "a pair of extremely lucky persons."

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CHARLIE, AS a scholastic All - American fullback, is the headline grabber of the group. He was the mainstay of the Edmondson eleven that went through the Maryland Scholastic Association season unbeaten and untied.

During two years of play at the institution, the 6-foot, 185 - pounder rushed for 1,501 yards. His contribution to the 1965 championship team was a plus 8 yards per carry, and it was largely due to his presence that Edmonson ran out its third consecutive undefeated campaign.

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CHARLIE CAPPED off selection to the all - conference and all - Maryland teams late last month that he had been named to the All-America squad, chosen annually by Parade, a nationally-circulated magazine.

The young fullback is the second oldest of the four Pittman children. Rosalind, 18, is a year older and preceded him as an Edmondson graduate. She is currently employed at the Social Security agency.

A year younger, at 16, is Jerome. And at age 7, Eric completes the Pittman roster.

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THE MOTHER, Mrs. Jean Pittman, shares her husband's pride in the family group, but hastens to point out that Charlies clippings do not overshadow the importance of the other kids.

"We're just lucky, I guess," Mrs. Pittman told the AFRO. "Three teenagers in one family in this day and time could be cause for worry, but not in our house.

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"OUR CHILDREN are normal in every respect. They like the things other kids rave about, and which we wonder about, but they offer no problems whatsoever."

The family, she says, attends St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

According to Mrs. Pittman, both young Charlie and Jerome participated as little leaguers in the James Mosher Baseball Associates, and Eric is "a big fan of all the sports, who can tell all about players and records."

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MR. PITTMAN, a rigger at Bethlehem Steel, is a native of Red Springs, N. C. He and Mrs. Pittman met when he was playing on the football and baseball teams in high school and she was attending the rival school in her native Lumberton N. C.

They met at a Halloween party in Lumberton, went together while finishing school seeing each other "about twice a week" when he road a bus the 18 miles from his home to hers.

They were married in 1946, when she moved to Baltimore to take a job at the Glenn L. Martin Co., and he was completing military service at Staten Island, N.Y.

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EVEN WERE it not for the fact that the entire Edmondson community bears a strong allegiance to the classy high school football team, Charlie Pittman would have his own personal rooting section.

"His father sees every game he plays," declares Mrs. Pittman." I don't. In fact, I've never seen him play; I couldn't stand seeing him hurt—even a little."—SAM LACY

FIRST FAMILY? — Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pittman are the proud parents of four youngsters, one of which is the All - American scholastic fullback from unbeaten Edmondson High School. Shown in this exclusive AFRO photo by I. Henry Phillips are (left to right) Mr. Pittman with Eric, 7; Mrs. Jean Pittman, mother; Rosalind, 18; (rear) Jerome, 16, and Charlie, 17.

South African given Griffith title shot

JOHANNESBURG (UPI) —Welterweight champion Emile Griffith has offered third - ranked contender Willie Ludick of South Africa, a world title bout.

No date has been proposed for the bout, which will take place in Sydney, Australia but it is expected that the fight would be staged sometime in May.

Sydney Stadium promoter Harry Miller proposed the bout and one of Griffith's co-managers, Gil Clancey, has agreed to the Sydney meeting.

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Wilt closing fast on West's scoring pace

NEW YORK (UPI) — Wilt Chamberlain, with another major milestone added to his record, continues his chase of Jerry West for the scoring leadership in the National Basketball Association.

The 7 - 1 Philadelphia center became the second NBA player ever to reach the 20,000 - point mark last week, and he boosted his season total to 1,182 points for a 33.8 average, according to league statistics released Tuesday.

West, of the Los Angeles Lakers, retained his scoring lead with 1,304 points, but he has played in seven games more than Chamberlain and has a lower per - game average of 33.2.

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OSCAR ROBERTSON of the Cincinnati Royals, was third with 1,123 points, followed by Dick Barnett of the New York Knickerbockers (1,029) and Guy Rodgers of the San Francisco Warriors (941).

Chamberlain moped ahead of the Warriors' Nate Thurdmond for the rebound leadership with 884 retrieves to 845 for Thurmond.

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AL ATTLES of the Warriors maintained his lead in field goal percentage with an accuracy mark of .528. Larry Siegfried of the Boston Celtics, was seting the pace in free throw percentage (.874) and Rodgers was the leading playmaker with 456 assists although Robertson boasted a higher per - game average (11.4 to Rodgers' 11.1) in five fewer games.

'Dimes' bowling sweeps gets under way Monday

Prizes totaling $2,000 will be offered during the 7th annual March of Dimes Bowling Sweeper to be held Jan. 10 through 16, under the sponsorship of the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Foundation - March of Dimes.

Co - chairmen this year again will be Elizabeth (Toots) Barger, national champion and local bowling lane personality; Ed Taylor, president of the Baltimore Bowlers Association and Joe Cicchini, chairman of the Bowling Proprietors Association.

Staged to raise funds to fight birth defects, the Sweeper is conducted in the local metropolitan area (Baltimore City; Baltimore, Harford, and Anne Arundel counties, by the Bowling Proprietors Ass'n. of Baltimore, in cooperation with the Baltimore Bowling Association and District 22-A of Lions International.

Contestants contribute one dollar to the March of Dimes as a registration fee. Funds thus collected are credited to the Greater Baltimore Chapter, and in Anne Arundel County and Harford County, to the March of Dimes chapter in those areas.

Bowlers participate in the competition through their regular league games. The handicap is based on the league average as of December 31, both for duck and tenpins.

Port City Com'l pin standings

	W	L
Red Roosters	33	18
Westview Dodge	30½	20½
Kandids	30	21
Harundale Texaco	29	22
Lucky Days Grille	27½	23½
"40 West Motors"	26½	24½
Carlings Black Label	26	25
Stromberg	26	25
Forest Diner	25½	25½
Anchor Bay Inn	25	26
King Tile Co.	24½	26½
Cobbs Gulf	23	28
Giffland Trophies	23	28
Larry Beck	22	29
D. A. Raiders	19	32
Dotson's Lounge	17½	33

Week's HIGH SET: AULD 630

BOXING

Results last week by United Press International:
LOS VEGAS — Johnny Brooks, 147, Henderson, Nev., outpointed Gabe Terrones, 146½, Fresno, Calif. (10)

Ashe leads US advance in Perth tennis

PERTH, Australia — Arthur Ashe moved into the semi-final of the Western Australian tennis championships Thursday, with a 3-set victory over fellow-American, Jim McManus, 6-4, 7-5.

PERTH, Australia (UPI) —Arthur Ashe led an American sweep of singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches Wednesday, in the Western Australian tennis championships.

Ashe, the No. 2 United States ranked player from Richmond, Va., recovered after a first set loss to beat Richard Coulthard of Australia. 0-6, 6-1, 6-3, in a second round singles match.

JOINING ASHE in victories over Australian opponents were Marty Riessen of Evanston, Ill. 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, over Wayne Mittlan; Jim McManus, of Berkley, Calif., 6-2, 5-7, 6-3, over Bill Bowman; Herbert Fitzgibbon of Garden City, N.Y., 6-3, 6-2, over Tim Clayton, and Cliff Richey of Dallas 6-1, 6-2, over D. Menzies.

Nancy Richey of Dallas and Carole Graebner of Beachwood, Ohio, reached the semi-finals in women's singles.

Ashe and Miss Richey won a first round mixed doubles match from R. D. Orsogna and M. L. Griffiths of Australia 6-3, 6-3.

Harold Johnson to try N. Y. comeback

NEW YORK, (UPI) Former light heavyweight champion Harold Johnson, who has fought only once in the past two years, comes back to Madison Square Garden tonight (Friday) to meet Johnny Person in a bout that could lead to another shot at the title.

Johnson attributes his inactivity to the unwillingness of other fighters to meet him, but says he has kept himself in fighting condition while biding his time in Mahanoy City, Pa.

The 37-year-old ex-champion, who is rated the 2 to 1 favorite, and Person each have agreed that the winner will post a $2,500 bond with the State Athletic Commission for a chance at Jose Torres' 175-pound title.

TV FOOTBALL

Saturday at Mobile SENIOR BOWL GAME

NORTH SQUAD

No.	Player		Position	College
25	Johnny Roland		Halfback	Missouri
27	Dick Leftridge		Fullback	W. Virginia
60	Karl Singer		Guard	Purdue
72	Richard Tyson		Guard	Tulsa
73	Francis Peay		Tackle	Missouri
83	Tony Jeter		End	Nebraska

SOUTH SQUAD

19	Elijah Gibson		Halfback	Bethune
	George Allen		Tackle	W. Texas State

Sunday at Miami NFL PLAYOFF BOWL

DALLAS COWBOYS

20	Mel Renfro	6-0	206	DHB	Oregon
22	Bob Hayes	5-11	189	FL	Fla. A&M
24	J. D. Smith	6-1	210	FB	A&T
34	Cornell Green	6-3	216	DHB	Utah State
41	Warren Livingston	5-10	192	DHB	Arizona
43	Don Perkins	5-10	206	FB	N. Mexico
44	Don Bishop	6-1	223	DHB	L.A. City
75	Jethro Pugh	6-6	250	DE	Eliz. City
82	Frank Clarke	6-1	210	OE	Colorado
84	Pettis Norman	6-3	220	OE	J. C. Smith

BALTIMORE COLTS

24	Lenny Moore	6-1	190	OHB	Penn State
30	Alvin Haymond	6-0	190	DHB	Southern
38	Tony Lorick	6-1	215	FB	Ariz. State
43	Lenny Lyles	6-2	202	DHB	Louisville
77	Jim Parker	6-3	275	G	Ohio State
84	Neal Petties	6-2	198	OE	S. Diego State
85	Roy Hilton	6-6	235	DE	Jackson
87	Willie Richardson	6-2	198	FL	Jackson
88	John Mackey	6-3	217	OE	Syracuse

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