THESE OFFICERS and supervisors of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the AME Zion Church, presided during the 16th quadrennial session of the Society in Brooklyn, N.Y., this week. Seated, from left, are Mrs. Laura Small of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Minnie D. Hurley of New York City, Miss Susie M. Moore of Washington, Mrs. Grace L. Holmes of Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Alcestis Coleman of Salisbury, N.C., Mrs. Rosanna Nelson of Newark, N.J., and Mrs. Emma B. Watson of Pittsburgh, Pa. Standing, from left: Mrs. Ida M. Smith of Mobile, Ala., Mrs. Cordelia Elliott of Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Dorothy Walls of Chicago, Mrs. Media G. Warren of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Mable Jones of Salisbury, N.C., Mrs. Eliza Walker of Heath Springs, S.C., Mrs. Lonia Gill of Whistler, Ala., Mrs. H. B. Shaw of Wilmington, N.C., Mrs. Alta E. Howard of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Maggie E. Shepard of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Josie E. Fuller of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mrs. Edra M. Hillard of Detroit, Mich.

Gadabouting the USA

With Lula Jones Garrett

The sunken gardens of the hilltop, English Tudor residence of the Sidney Poitiers in Pleasantville, N.Y., was the setting for the annual "Evening of Elegance", hosted by Vassal Thomas, Saturday. Whitney Young, executive director of the National Urban League was the '67 guest of honor, and NUL was $1000 to the good when the affair was over.

The setting, the decor, the cuisine, the entertainment, the guests, the gowns all combined to put the Evening in the upper echelon of national social affairs...

Under lantern strung trees on one side of the house, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and canapes were served. On the other side of the spacious garden, trellises, columns and banked gladioli made a backdrop for the 50-foot buffet, from which dinner was served. Table centerpieces were hurricane lamps surrounded by red and white carnations and chrysanthemums.

A red carpet from the house to the high red and white striped tent invited dancing. White lantern garlands decorated the ceiling and edge of the tent, and Reuben Phillips orchestra provided the music.

Entertainment included that by Phil Abner, calypso singer from Trinidad, and Cathy Smithfield, who came down from Tanglewood to do an aria. Dick Campbell emceed, and Mr. Thomas made the check presentation to Mrs. Theodore Kheel, member of the Board of the the Urban League of Greater New York.

Mrs. Frank C. O'Connor, wife of the president of the City Council, was honorary chairman. Mrs. Morton M. Kenner, Dr. Marguerite Cartwright and Mrs. Poitier were co-chairmen. And among the committee members were Mrs. Ben N. Aronson, Mrs. Arthur Beach, Mrs. Stephen Beach, Mrs. Dorothea Towles Church, Mrs. Harry Coleman, Joseph H. Culberson Jr., Mrs. Joseph Dargans, Mrs. Al Douglas, Mrs. Jacob Gray and Dr. and Mrs. Harold Haizlip.

Dr. Haizlip (Harvard Ph.D.) is, you know, director of the education program for Xerox . . . and to drop a few others names: Theodore Kheel, attorney, top labor mediator and board member of the Urban League, and Mrs. Kheel; George Norford, general executive of Westinghouse Broadcasting Co., and Mrs. Norford (Thomasine); Mrs. Mandor Fedor, the sculptress; Harper Knight, architectural engineer;

Also Mr. and Mrs. Al Douglas (he's the affluent Harlem business man); John Singleton, wealthy restaurantateur; Dr. Alfonso Orr, professor at City College, and Mrs. Orr, noted sociologist and associate director of Harlem Act; Henderson E. Vaughn Jr. of Birmingham, Ala., Curtis Craddock of Memphis, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Alwood J. Meadford of Winston-Salem, N.C.

No small whit of the elegance of the evening was the elegance of the dress of the ladies. Among them was Mrs. Helen Douglas, who was dazzling in red, white and blue lame spun through with gold threads, the ensemble made more dramatic by her silver white coiffure.

Mrs. Lloyd Von Blaine chose white chiffon with beaded yoke, high collar and deep V back. Mrs. Julie Hunter was elegant in a French imported iridescent sequin sheath with matching chiffon coat set off by ostrich trim in pale green. Commissioner Peter Postel wore a yellow peau de soie sheath.

Miss Cleata Olphin wore a French imported Chantilly lace with multi-colored chiffon panels embossed with rhinestones. Miss Jean Coleman chose a Pucci print, and Mrs. Eva Hicks, who came up from Birmingham, Ala., wore a white A-line sheath with beaded top. The gown was an import from Hong Kong.

Of course top NUL committee members were about including Messdames Ben H. Aronson, Arthur Beach, Stephen Beach, Harry Coleman, Joseph Culberston Jr., Joseph Dargans, Al Douglas, Jacob Gray.

Mesdames Oscar Hammerstein, Curtis Heath, Damon Hervey, Robert Hill, Julie Hunter, Marorie Montana, Evans T. Myrick, Frederick O'Neal; Assemblyman and Mrs. Charles Rangel, Mrs. Lorraine Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wager, Israel Sylvan, general counsel for NUL, and Mrs. Sylvan . . . and some 200 other New Yorkers.

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WITH THE LADIES: Dr. Anne Richardson Gayles, professor and head of the secondary school department, Florida A and M University, participated in the panel of experts which reviewed and evaluated research proposals submitted to the Bureau of Research, U.S. Office of Education, recently.

Marsha Ball (she's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ball of Columbus, Ohio) was in Ridgefield, Conn., to pose with the Ridgefield High's tigers for that spread which is featured in this month's issue of Ingenue Magazine.

The Hon. Sarah Anderson of Pennsylvania House of Representatives presented a bust of her late husband, Dr. Adolphus W. Anderson, to the Pennsylvania College of Podiatry in Philadelphia. The bust, unveiled last week, was sculptured by the famed artist, Estella V. Wright, and will be placed in the library of the school. Dr. Anderson, who graduated from Temple University College of Chiropody, was licensed to practice in 1921 and was among the oldest chiropodists in the State of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Gladys B. Adams, of the Tennessee State University biology faculty, was in San Francisco, Calif., recently, to accept for TSU National Alumni Association, a citation from the American Alumni Council. Mrs. Adams is TSU Alumni executive secretary. Basis for the service award is the Student Loan Program sponsored by the alumni. Augustus Bankhead, of the business education faculty, is chairman of the Student Loan Committee and Erskine Lytle heads the Alumni Association.

Mrs. Betti S. Whaley, New York City, has been appointed program director of the National Urban League. Prior to going to the national office, Mrs. Whaley worked with the Leagues in Columbus, Ohio and Baltimore. She has also served as a consultant to the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, consultant to the Mayor's Task Force on Youth and Work in New York, as a human relations trainer with the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute Program, and with the Boston University Human Relations Laboratory. A graduate of Ohio State University School of Social Work, she is married to the Rev. A. Jackson Whaley, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Newark, N.J.

Annual scholarship awards presented by the YWCA's National Board have been awarded to seven staff members for the 1967-68 period . . . among them, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Mills of Charlotte, N.C., and Miss Evelyn Boots of Sharpsburg, Ky.

Mrs. Mills, who is the wife of John Mills of Charlotte, received the Grace H. Dodge Merit Fellowship award to continue a second year of study at the Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Sciences in Cleveland, Ohio. Since graduation in 1954 from Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, Mrs. Mills has worked in the Charlotte, N.C. YWCA in a variety of posts. She is devoting this summer to the Cleveland YWCA on the National Board's demonstration project related to the Neighborhood Youth Corps funded by the U.S. Department of Labor.

To Miss Botts went the Firestone Scholarship for study at the Ohio State University School of Social Work. Miss Botts received her B.A. degree in 1964 at Wilberforce University as a pre-social work major. She has been assistant program director in Youngstown, Ohio, and is especially interested in helping teen-agers learn to cope with the many problems of a complex society.

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PEREGRINATORS: Maryland State Legislator Victorine Adams, who was in Madrid, Spain, until two weeks ago (with the Pepsi Cola Golf tour) went on to the Spanish Reviera, was in Rome, Italy, last week, and in Paris, France, this week, admits that she adapts to that foreign high living easily.

There are 420 members on the tour. Mrs. Adams and Mr. (Willie) of course, were at the fabulous Hotel Hilton in Madrid for a week . . . thinks there are few things to equal dinner under the stars, to the accompaniment of string music and with a eyeful of elegantly gowned women and handsome men.

At golf, Jackie Robinson was in first place, but Maryland's Vernon Terry of Harve de Grace, came in second. In the meantime the women were having some interesting experiences, including Victorine and Virginia Richardson, librarian at Morgan State College, being interviewed by a famous fashion magazine.

Say the travelers, it seems the whole world is fighting for something. In Madrid they were the women who are demanding equal pay and job promotions.

They were drawn by the fashions, by the jewelry, by the shoes! Fashions are much the same as in the U.S., say they. But the jewelry is enough to raise one's pressure (long, dazzling earrings) and the shoes include jeweled sandals, rounded toed slippers with thicker heels.

Among the Baltimoreans on the trip are Ellen Fisher, Ruth Rosedom, Paul and Georgianna Chester, and their daughter, Paula; Audrey Brown, Margaret Brown; Ruth Jennifer and Iona Collins (who had to return because of the illness of her husband) and Nettie Briscoe.

Vacationing in Baltimore last week were the Ladie (Dorothy) Couchs and the William (Vera) Cohens of Cleveland. The Couchs are owners of the Couch Sausage Plant in the Ohio city. The Cohens (she is the former Vera Tillman of Baltimore) and Couchs are visiting Mr. Cohen's aunt, Mrs. Katie Hunter, retired school teacher. During their stay they visited the Park Sausage Plant and the AFRO-AMERICAN office, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Corbett and Mrs. Sarah Evans, Culminating their vacation, Mr. and Mrs. Couch hosted a dinner party at the Holiday Inn, where they had as guests:

Miss Georgia Corbett of Detroit, Mich., Messrs. and Mesdames Henry James, William Cohen, T. C. Corbett; William James, Mrs. Hallie Johnson, Mrs. Sarah Evans and Mrs. Geraldine Shephard.

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PARTY PRATTLE: Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Miles were hosts to the descendants of the late Robert and Malinda Miller at a reunion on their fine farm in Crisfield, Md., Saturday. It was the perfect setting for such a festive occasion.

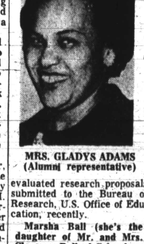
Mrs. Annie Miller, 82-year-old member of the family, came and brought all of the Chesta, Parlan, including Mrs. Irene Marlo, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Maloney, Gary Maloney, Ernest Goldsborough, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Goldsborough, Miss Mollie Goldsborough, Dennis Goldsborough and Edwin Goldsborough, Jr.

From Tanoy, Pa. were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goldsborough, Jr. and Ken Goldsborough. Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Byrd, Jr. and Miss Karen Byrd came from Hayverford, Pa. And from Philadelphia were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams, Miss Charlotte Williams, and Mrs. Edith Wilmore.

Also attending were Mrs. Marietta Grimes of Ocean City, N.J., Mrs. Marie Avery of St. Michaels, Md. Mr. and Mrs. David Bruce, Sr., Miss Dominique Bruce and David Bruce, Jr. from New York City; Mrs. Clara Fisher of New Rochelle, N.Y., Mrs. Sebrina Chester of Crisfield.

And from Baltimore were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harvey, Miss Michele Harvey, Lamont Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass J. Camper Sr., Mrs. Annie Camper, Derrick Camper, Douglass Camper 3rd, Miss Melissa Camper, Michael Camper, Anthony Camper, Mr. and Mrs. George Harding, Miss Evelyn Harding and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis.

MRS. BETTI S. WHALEY (New NUL post)



MRS. GLADYS ADAMS (Alumni representative)

Sigma Gamma Rho to aid Detroit victims

DETROIT, Mich. — Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, opening its 31st annual Boule, here, Sunday, canceled its social events in order to devote time and energy to riot victims.

Mrs. Annie Neville, grand basileus of the sorority, said the board of directors had approved the cancellation and advised aiding the colored families who were left homeless and in many cases, hungry by the racial holocaust that shook the Motor City.

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PLANS ARE being discussed to contribute funds to charitable groups working with city officials to relieve some of the misery.

Convention headquarters for the Boule is the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel.

Feminine Front

Iotas schedule 38th conclave in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga. — The 38th National Convention of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority will convene here, August 12 through 16, with headquarters at the Paschals' Motor Hotel, 830 Hunter Street S.W.

Delta chapter will be hostess. The convention will official open Saturday, August 12, however there will be a pre-convention cocktail party cap in the Executive Suite, Friday, August 11 at 9 p.m.

AMONG OTHER highlights of the convention will be the education program, which will "be held in the Morris Brown College Student Union Building, Sunday, August 13, at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Vivian Henderson, president of Clark College. At this time, Mrs. Lois Mae Golden, Pittsburgh, Pa., will be cited as the "Outstanding Woman of the Year." The meeting is open to the public.

Business sessions will open Saturday A.M., August 12 with the national president, Mrs. Mahala S. Evans, Chicago, Ill., presiding. Registration is at 8 a.m.

Monday, August 14, a luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. and a semi-formal dance at 10 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16 a banquet will be held at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Nettie Bennett Archer is convention chairman.

Sorors to hear Senator Percy

Alice Norris, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Granville M. Norris of Petersburg, is one of twenty interns from colleges across the nation who were selected to work this summer in the Washington headquarters of the Peace Corps.

Alice, a junior sociology major at Virginia State College, is working in the Office of Stlection, which is responsible for the development and implementation of all policies and procedures for selection of Peace Corps volunteers.

Miss Norris was selected from among students from thirty colleges which were invited to nominate candidates for the summer program. The Virginia State College placement office, which works with recruiters from business, industry and government in helping students find summer and full-time employment, was responsible for assisting Miss Norris in applying for the program.

Upon arrival in Washington, the interns spent four mornings in orientation sessions designed to give them knowledge of the organization and operations of the Peace Corps. They met with Peace Corps Director Jack Vaughn and several deputy and office directors.

While on the job, interns become involved in junior level administrative duties, research, writing and other special assignments, according to the needs of the office and their skills. They have developed a program of speakers and seminars to help them learn more about the functions of the Place Corps specifically and the government in general. In these sessions, they meet with national figures in government, business, labor and international relations.

Upon completion of the program in September, interns return to their colleges where they will help with Peace Corps campus recruiting programs.

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VASSAL THOMAS, host at an "Evening of Elegance" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Poitiers in Pleasantville, N.Y., Saturday evening, is shown with Whitney Young (right) executive director of the National Urban League, and Mrs. Young. The affair was a benefit for NUL.

Woody-Niblett ceremony held

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — The marriage of Miss Mae Alice Niblett, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Obediah D. Niblett, and Anthony L. Woody took place, here, Sunday.

The couple was married in the home of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Anderson, with the Rev. Mr. Anderson officiating.

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THE BRIDE wore an aquamarine dress of crepe and lace. She carried a prayer book showered with blue satin streamers. She was attended by Miss Patricia Ann Niblett, her father gave her in marriage.

Mr. Woody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Woody of Rocky Mount, N.C., had as best man, Obediah Niblett, Jr. Henry Niblett was usher.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Niblett wore a pale blue flowered dress with matching hat and accessories.

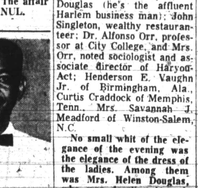
The bride's parents entertained at the reception in their home following the ceremony.

Dr. Bell heads education group

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky Commission of Higher Education this week elected Dr. J. B. Bell of Louisville, as its chairman.

A physician, Dr. Bell is the first non-white to be elected to the high post. He succeeds William H. Abell, also of Louisville.

MR. AND MRS. John Lindsay were married in Gastonia, N.C., Saturday. Mrs.



Lindsay is the former Miss Mary Frances Armstrong.

Miss Mary Armstrong wed to John Lindsay

GASTONIA, N.C. — Miss Mary Frances Armstrong and John Lindsay; both of this city, were married in the Tabernacle Baptist Church here, Saturday.

The Rev. J. T. Scott, pastor, officiated, and a program of music was presented by Mrs. Betty Garvin Cobb, organist, and Mrs. Robert Moses, soloist.

The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Armstrong, of 698 Johns Lane, was graduated from Highland Junior Senior High School and Evans Business College, in this city. She is employed by Howard Knit Products.

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THE BRIDEGROOM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Lindsay of Stanley, N.C. was graduated from Lincoln High School of Bessemer City and served two years in the armed services. He is employed by All-Fiber Corporation of Lowell.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a sleeveless dress of apple green nylon crepe featuring an empire bodice of re-embroidered Alencon lace styled at the reception were Mrs. with a bateau neckline and short sleeves.

The sheath dress was finished in the back with a lace panel extending to the hemline. Her bouffant shoulder length veil of imported silk illusion was attached to a headpiece of rose-petals accented with sequins and seed pearls. She carried a nosegay of yellow pompons and gypsophilla accented with satin ribbons.

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MRS. CAMPBELL REID, honor attendant, wore a dress of cream Alencon lace posed over taffeta, featuring a matching back panel. Her circular veil was attached to a matching pillbox. She carried a nosegay of pompons. Campbell Reid, of Gastonia, was best man.

Following the ceremony the bride's parents were hosts at the Moloch Lodge Home at a reception honoring the bridal couple.

After a honeymoon trip the young couple will be at home at 698 Johns Lane, after August 12.

Assisting Mrs. Armstrong Herman Maddock, of Stanley, sister of the bridesbroom; Mrs. Nester Valenzuela, Mrs. Eddie Dunlap and Miss Faye Saunders.

JOE BUSTER VIE FOR VICE PRESIDENCY

By SAM LACY

This is to be a discussion of the two men regarded as the most logical contenders for recognition as the next world heavyweight boxing champion . . . It must be understood beforehand, however, that Joe Frazier and Buster Mathis are not being considered in the light of succeeding to the heavyweight throne . . . In the eyes of this writer, that throne is already occupied.

The people currently involved in elimination tournaments, etc., are merely contesting for "recognition" as champion . . . and until any of them takes out Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay, whatever recognition he gets will be clouded, to say the least, by the undiminishing shadow of Ali.

Until he's beaten, Muhammad remains president . . . The others want to be vice president.

It may be that I am making a fetish of fairness, but it seems to me that the so-called deposition of Muhammad is a high-handed, uncompromising act that shouldn't be tolerated . . . There should be a more acceptable method of dealing with a situation of this kind.

Since there is no universal agreement among boxing organizations, it would seem that one of those vying for the right to regulate the sport could map out an approach to that goal which would prove feasible . . . and reasonable.

Give 'em 8 months

Why not, for example, adopt the generally acceptable procedure of imposing a time limit on a fighter holding a title? . . . What would be the harm in setting, say, an 8-month obligation on a man to defend his crown, regardless of what division he rules? . . . If for any reason whatsoever, he fails to risk his title within that time, he knows in advance that it will be lifted.

Eight months should not be regarded as too generous . . . At least three men, whose names are enshrined in the Boxing Hall of Fame were completely oblivious to the element of time when they were holding titles . . . Jack Dempsey defended against Luis Firpo in September, 1923, and it wasn't until three years later that he climbed into the ring to risk his crown against Gene Tunney . . . Tunney sat on his title for three years with only one defense (against Tom Heeney) aside from a rematch with Dempsey during that period . . . And the revered Benny Leonard engaged in but one title defense (against Joe Welling) between 1917 and 1920.

Federal control answer?

Of course, it isn't recommended that public patience be tried with such long periods of inactivity . . . And in this area, some boxing unions are to be commended for trying to keep the sport moving . . . But again, there is little or no cooperation . . . One group will order a fighter to defend within a certain length of time, the others will turn their heads . . . This would be one of the problems a federal agency could solve.

A fixed time limit — six months, eight, ten months or a year — would allow time for a legitimate challenger to be developed . . . It also would provide ample opportunity for a man in Ali's — or similar — predicament to weigh all the entanglements involved in his decision, and to assess how much that decision is worth to him.

Choice seems toss-up

It has taken some time for me to get back to the original subject, because it was deemed necessary to explain why I specified at the outset that any man who survives the confused "elimination" picture should expect nothing more than dubious "recognition" as heavyweight champion.

Frazier and Mathis loom as the leading candidates — the terrific Mildenberger gets Johnsons, Pattersons, et al, notwithstanding — and it is difficult to determine which of the two appears to have the more legitimate claim . . . Neither has been beaten in his relatively brief professional career . . . Mathis twice whipped Frazier when both were in the amateur ranks, but Joe has been fighting, and beating, better opponents than Buster since they took to the ring as a livelihood.

Frazier has class

This would seem to indicate that Frazier has progressed faster and farther than the big fellow from Michigan, but this is not necessarily the case . . . nor does this writer wish to make such an implication.

Joe has considerable class . . . he's a skilled boxer with hand speed among the heavyweights second only to Muhammad . . . Frazier punches well with both hands and is much like Rocky Marciano in that he seems to improve with each fight.

He was advised to bypass the "elimination tournament" and it shouldn't be difficult to understand the reason . . . In that kind of company he would have everything to lose and nothing to gain.

But so has Mathis

Buster, on the other hand, has his own special kind of class . . . He is a huge youngster, built along the lines of a professional wrestler . . . In his early pro career, he mashed the scales to a figure well over 300 pounds . . . He was amazingly fast then; today, at 240, he is even faster.

Mathis also packs power in both fists . . . And while he may lack the hand speed of Frazier, there is little doubt that his jab is superior to his young Philadelphia counterpart . . . Like Joe, Buster spurned the tournament business which got underway with Saturday night's doubleheader in Houston . . . His handlers, too, felt the reward wouldn't fit the risk.

Enter Svengali

It is in this the matter of handling that Buster may suffer . . . He is in the overcautious hands of Cus D'Amato, the same Svengali who steered Floyd Patterson to the heavyweight crown, then to virtual isolation . . . Incidentally, it will be interesting to watch the Mathis-D'Amato association . . . Buster is the jovial, gregarious, supremely-confident Big Daddy Lipscomb type . . . He won't be satisfied under the same kind of barrel Cus erected for the retiring Floyd.

There can be little doubt that Frazier will emerge as the more popular of the two, though Mathis boasts an inborn public appeal that could make him universally loved.

Mettle always doubted

The D'Amato method of protecting his fighter through careful choice of opponents is not to be condemned . . . but only during the days his fighter is getting experience and reaching for stature . . . Once he becomes a genuine contender — and certainly after he wins title recognition — the boxer should be permitted to prove his mettle . . . Floyd's remained constantly in doubt.

Many of those observers who remember the days of Patterson's reign, may find themselves preferring Frazier to Mathis . . . They may look with horror on another championship era in which the so-called king accepts only amateur-rank graduates, broken-down foreigners, hometown club fighters, etc., as title challengers.

Peter in Hell

Defending his performance as Floyd's protector, D'Amato declared he was determined to wage war against the evils of boxing . . . That he was destroying the image of a well-liked athlete was beside the point . . . and the road he took had no end . . . As for Cus, himself, he was in a ludicrous position.

Suppose you should die and go to hell . . . and one of the first sights you beheld was St. Peter walking around waving his halo and trying to reform the joint . . . you'd think something was wrong with the guy, wouldn't you?

A to Z

SAM LACY

Wilt says oral pact freed him of NBA clause

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Wilt Chamberlain was quoted in a copyrighted story in the Evening Bulletin Friday as saying the Philadelphia 76ers released him from the reserve clause in his contract last year.

Chamberlain said he had witnesses to the "unprecedented oral agreement" made with 76ers owner Ivy Kosloff at the start of last year's National Basketball Association season.

"I have a release from everything that was binding in that contract," the story quoted Chamberlain.

"We went through the formality of signing a contract because one had to be on file in the league office.

"I was released from all obligation. I am able to do whatever I want to do this particular year — with the possible exception of going to another NBA team."

THE RESERVE clause binds a player to one club as soon as he signs his first contract and until the club sells or trades him.

Kiseda, writer of the story, noting that there is no record of any other player ever receiving the concession Chamberlain says he has received, asked the super-star what would NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy say if he knew about the arrangement.

"Kennedy would say all contracts are binding, blah, blah, blah, but this is between myself and the owners of the 76ers," Chamberlain said.

Chamberlain "signed" a three-year contract two years ago, making him bound to the 76ers through next season.

He signed a blank contract that was later filled in to satisfy he league and made some unwritten agreements with the late Ike Richman, co-owner of the 76ers with Kosloff.

The copyrighted story said an agreement, apparently unknown to Kosloff, was to award Chamberlain half of Richman's 50 per cent ownership of the club.

Kosloff, meanwhile, exercised an option upon Richman's death which both owners agreed to, to purchase from any heir the remaining shares in the club.

Chamberlain thereupon asked for and was granted his release from his three-year contract and persuaded to sign a one-year contract with an increase in pay.

Haymond due surgery

WESTMINSTER, Md. (UPI) — Safety and punt return specialist Alvin Haymond may be lost to the Baltimore Colts for the 1967 season as the result of a decision to operate on a chronic dislocated shoulder.

Coach Don Shula said he was optimistic that Haymond might be able to return to action before the end of the season but that there was the "possibility" he would not play at all this year.

Haymond, who led the NFL with 40 punt returns last season, played with a chronic shoulder ailment. This season Haymond was in pain most of the time during practice and the team decided that rather than risk more serious injuries an operation at this time would be advisable.

HAYMOND WILL enter Johns Hopkins Hospital Monday and surgery will take place Tuesday.

The Colts have a fine crop of rookies in their defensive backfield along with proven veterans.

The competition for Haymond's position will probably be among Rich Volk, Charlie Stukes, and Jimmy Welch, a veteran defensive back, who the Colts had planned to convert to running back.

Method in Lombardi's sour grapes

CHICAGO (UPI) — Bubba Smith didn't particularly impress Vince Lombardi.

Sure, he was good.

A quick press box survey indicated the 285-pound lineman from Michigan State who has been signed by the Baltimore Colts, was a cinch to win their award as the most valuable player on the college all-star squad which crumbled before the monsters from Green Bay, 27-0, Friday night.

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BUT BUBBA did not win Lombardi's vote. The tough Packer coach said he thought Smith was "all right," but offered the thought there were better men on the all-star team.

"We gained a lot of yardage against him."

Lombardi said of Bubba, "He's big and powerful but we did not find it necessary to double-team him."

Lombardi thought the two best collegians he saw were Jim Flanigan, a line backer from Pittsburgh, and Bob Hyland, a center from Boston College.

"It just happens that the Packers have them both signed," Lombardi smiled.

MATHIS THE MAULER — Irish Wayne Heath was knocked out in the fifth round at Los Angeles Sports Arena by Buster Mathis, last week Referee George Lapka moves in to stop fight. This was the 20th professional win by Mathis, 15 by knockout.

Heart attack fells Metcalfe

CHICAGO (UPI) — Ralph Metcalfe, an olympic medal winner for the United States in 1932 and 1936 and now a Chicago alderman, suffered a heart attack Monday, his brother, Joe, revealed Thursday, adding that he was in "good" condition at the hospital.

Metcalfe is chairman of the City Council's committee on building and zoning, and formerly served on the Illinois Athletic Commission. He was a track star at Marquette University before running on the Olympic team.

L. A. names Rafer Johnson

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Rafer Johnson, olympic gold medalist and former UCLA student body president, was nominated Tuesday to the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Commission by Mayor Sam Yorty.

Johnson would replace Stanley M. Brummel on the five-man commission if confirmed by the City Council.

Johnson, currently a sportscaster for a local television station, won the decathlon gold medal at the Rome olympics in 1960.

Howard philosophical about trade despite intense loyalty to Yankees

NEW YORK (UPI) — Elston Howard was a stand-tall, keep-a-stiff upper lip Yankee the end. "As a ballplayer the end. 'As a ballplayer you've got to accept it," said the veteran catcher after he was trader to the Boston Red Sox for $20,000 and two players to be named later.

"I've seen a lot of fellows leave here," Howard said, referring to the Yankee housecleaning that came after their collapse in 1965. "And you just can never know about baseball."

Sitting in his cubicle in the Yankee locker room for the last time as a player, Howard said he was very shocked" when he first heard the news.

THE FIRST colored player ever to don the Yankee pinstripes and the American League's most valuable player in 1963 said he had been told by the old Dan Topping-Del Webb regime that he would play out his days as a Yankee.

And that current general manager Lee MacPhail had told him there would be a job with the Yankees waiting when Howard's playing days were over.

In a 1966 interview Howard said, "I don't want to go with any other organization. This is it for me."

"But I'm not gonna cry about it," Howard said. "I've been very happy with this great organization (the Yankees) and now I'm going to a good ball club."

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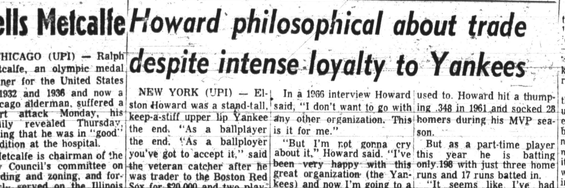
A QUESTION MARK was the catcher's aging body that isn't responding the way it used to. Howard hit a thumping .348 in 1961 and socked 28 homers during his MVP season.

But as a part-time player this year he is batting only .198 with just three home runs and 17 runs batted in.

"It seems like I've had more injuries this year than in all the rest of my career combined," he said. "And at 37, baseball is just a year-to-year proposition."



TRADED — Veteran Yankee catcher Elston Howard looks at his uniform for the last time in the Yankee dressing room after he learned that he was traded to the Boston Red Sox, last week. The Red Sox obtained Howard for cash and two players to be named at a later date. (UPI Telephoto)

Ashe anxious to repeat tennis tips for youths

WASHINGTON

Lieut. Arthur Ashe, Army officer, Davis Cup member and standout American tennis player, is back at West Point, N.Y., this week, bearing the thought that tennis fame is fleeting.

Ashe, Richmond's gift to the tennis world, gave an exhibition before more than 400 youngsters in Washington Thursday, but learned to his surprise that many of them did not know who he was.

Ashe was so surprised that the kids had not, in some cases, even seen a tennis match before.

HE DECLARED after the exhibition:

"These one shot deals don't help. These people don't know who I am. This must be followed up."

The exhibition which also featured U.S. indoor champion Charlie Pasarell and Rev. Robert F. Kennedy, D., NY., who played four games of doubles in his business clothes, was sponsored by the President's Council on Youth Opportunity and the District Recreation Department's Summer Enrichment program.

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THE SPONSORS indicated they would try to repeat the event, which was held in the 1300 block of North Carolina Ave., NE.

Thunder, lightning and rain forced an abrupt ending to the exhibition, but everyone seemed to enjoy it and most got a good lesson in tennis.

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TYPICAL OF the comments was that of 17-year-old Christopher Maredith, of 1346 North Carolina Ave., NE, who somehow got one of the 100 free tennis rackets.

"I didn't know who Arthur Ashe was," he said, but he was enthusiastic about the racket and added: I want try it out and see how it is."

It was fun for all and did just what the sponsors hoped it would — help to enrich the cultural background of those who attended. Ashe hit the keypoint, however, when he suggested a repeat performance.

8th Piston cager inks '68 contract

DETROIT (UPI) — The Detroit Piston have their eighth player under contract for the 1967-68 National Basketball Association season. They have signed all America Bob Lloyd of Rutgers who averaged 27.9 points last season. Lloyd scored 2,045 points in three years at Rutgers.

Ellie's know-how buoys Red Sox pennant chances

BOSTON (IU) — Elston Howard, one of the central figures in the New York Yankees' greatest dynasty, Friday shed the pinstripes and started the task of showing the young Boston Red Sox how to win a pennant.

Howard, 37, a veteran of nine Yankee pennant winning teams, was traded to the Red Sox Thursday for the $10,000 waiver price and two young players to be named at the end of the season.

The departure of Howard left Mickey Mantle as the last link to the Casey Stengel pennant winning Yankee teams of the '50's The Yanks won 10 pennants in 12 years for Stengel, added three more for Ralph Houk and one under Yogi Berra before the great collapse started in 1965.

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NO TEAM in baseball history ever won 14 pennants in 16 years and Howard, who joined the Yanks in 1955 and replaced Berra as the Yankee catcher, was one of the key stars during the long reign.

The irony of the situation is that for years, the Yankees used to pick up veteran players during the stretch run to boost their pennant bid. But now the Yanks are going nowhere and Boston — seeing its first pennant in 21 years, wants Howard as a stabilizing influence on the young Red Sox during the heat of the stretch drive.

Two weeks ago the Red Sox didn't have a single player who'd ever been on a pennant winner. The recently acquired Norm Siebern, a one-time teammate of Howard's in the 1956 and 1958 World Series with the Yanks, is now the only other player on the Red Sox who's ever been on a pennant winner.

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SO, THE Red Sox decided to sacrifice some unnamed young players in a bid to win the pennant this season.

Howard joins the club Tonight at the Red Sox' begin a series in Minnesota.

Howard, the first colored player ever to wear the Yankee pinstripes, was stunned by the deal and at first considered quiting baseball rather than playing for another team.

"I've been here all my life and I always felt I would finish my career as a Yankee," Howard said.

But after conferences with his business manager and his wife, Howard officially notified the Red Sox late Thursday afternoon that he would join the club. The Yanks also indicated they hoped Howard would return to the club when his playing days are over.

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"ELLIE HAS been through the pennant battles before and his experience should prove invaluable to Boston," President Mike Burke said. "We hope he will talk with us about his future when his playing career is over."

The Red Sox haven't explained yet what they plan to do with four catchers. They already had three in Mike Ryan, Russ Gibson