CHICAGO BOUND — Determined to be present—win or lose—at the Chicago Democratic Convention to support their candidate Hubert H. Humphrey are three workers from the Washington and Maryland area. From left, little Carole M. Clayton watches Mrs. Leon Brown, her aunt Mrs. Floyd Purce and Mrs. Milton Elsberg pack their bags for the convention.

Democratic Committee plans four activity-filled days

By LILLIAN WIGGINS
AFRO Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The Democratic National Committee has gone to great length to provide women delegates, alternates, Congressional wives and Democratic campaign visitors with four full days of activities.

"Food for Thought — a Ideas To Take Home," will be the bill of fare at three buffet luncheons planned by India Edwards, special assistant to Chairman John M. Bailey of the Democratic National Committee, for women attending the Convention which opens Monday, today, in Chicago.

The informal luncheons will be held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Mayfair Room of the Blackstone Hotel.

THE LUNCHEONS will feature noted entertainers such as singers Carmen McRae, Barbara McNair and comedian George Kirby. Masters of ceremonies for one day at each luncheon will be Elizabeth D. Carpenter, press secretary to Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, Mrs. Richard L. Hughes, wife of the Governor of New Jersey, and Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz.

Briefs will be given by three cabinet wives and factual information on the Democratic Administrations' record of the past seven years is expect seven years is expected to be given to all attending the luncheons.

MISS DOROTHY HEIGHT, president of the National Council of Negro Women, is expected in Chicago, Tuesday morning.

EARLIER MISS HEIGHT spoke before Panel one of the Democratic National Platform Committee which heard testimony from prominent figures Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 19-1, at the Statler Hilton in Washington.

Speaking for 3,850,000 members of her organization Miss Height reported that colored women have decided to urge all governments —local, state and Federal, to move in new directions for meaningful change.

"The Democatic party," she said, "is developing a platform at a time when a Presidential Commission has reported that to combat the twin evils of racism and poverty will require from every American new attitudes, new understanding, and, above all, new will."

Continuing she pointed out that a meaningful platform must encourage and direct new will to meet the many human needs so in evidence in every area of life, education, welfare, labor, health; to meet urban and rural community needs.

Miss Height arrival in Chicago was postponed to Tuesday because of an awards presentation Monday evening in New York. The Elks will bestow on her their highest award "The Love Joy Award," for outstanding service in the field of Civil Liberties.

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DELAWARE'S FIRST colored State Legislator, Mrs. Hattie Phelan, is expected to make news this convention year. A member of the Democratic Platform Committee, Mrs. Phelan who is finishing the unexpired term of Samuel Moon, will campaign to keep her seat on the Democratic ticket as Mr. Moon's terms expires this fall.

If she is successful her tenue of office will be four years.

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Mrs. Seabrook elected new head of OES

The Deborah Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of the Adoptive Rite of the State of Maryland held its 28th Annual Session from Aug. 18, through Aug. 22.

Mrs. Ruth Seabrook was elected grand matron of O.E.S., replacing retiring Grand Matron Sister Elouise Williamson.

Memorial Services were held Aug 18, Highlight of the services was the roll call of the deceased. The Rev. William L. Burton Jr. delivered the memorial address.

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AT THE CONCLUSION of the session the following officers were elected and re-elected.

H. Levi Staten, grand patron H. Ruth Seabrook (Estella S. Grant Chapter No. 5, grand matron; W. James H. Saunders, associate grand patron.

W. Lessie Saunders (Naomi Chapter No. 4) associate grand matron W. Vellie Lilly (Queen Easter Chapter No. 1) grand conductress W. Berma Jones (Lilly of the Valley Chapter No. 8) associate grand conductress.

W. Madeline Sanders Martha Chapter No. 9) grand electra W. Ethel Flether (Morning Star Chapter No. 13) grand martha; W. Mary Murray (Adah Chapter No. 10) grand Esther W. Edna Davis (Queen Esther Chapter No. 1) grand ruth.

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W. JUNE COOPER (Doreas Chapter No.14) grand Adah; W. Tommie Kilgore (Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 8) grand secretary; W. Maggie D. Ryals (Ruth Chapter No. 7) grand recorder; W. Elouise Williams PGM (Naomi Chapetr No. 4) grand treasurer; W. Edna Browney (Queen Esther Crapter No. 1) grand chaplain;

W. Brother James Yelity grand lecturer; W. Brother John Taylor, grand sentinel; W. Jannie Jones (Morning Satr Chapter No. 13) grand marshal W. Beatrice Sheffry (Ruth Chapter No. 7) OES flag bearer; Jackson, U.S. flag bearer;

W. Brother William I. Jackson, U.S. flage bearer

W. Leroy Brooks, Maryland flag bearer; W. Elizabeth Roy (Mary Hinson Chapter No. 16) grand warder.

Trustees: W. Lillie Monroe PGM (Ruth Chapter No. 7), W. Ruby Mason (Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 12) W. Lillian Green P.M. (Ruth Chapter No. 7) W. Robert Bentlev, W. Carolyn Satchell, P.M. (Naomi Chapter No. 4).

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THE INSTALLATION of officers was conducted by M.W. Elzie M. Williams, grand master of the M.W. Zerubbael Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Patron of the Deborah Grand Chapter.

He thanked the Grand Chapter for the co-operation and support that had been given the grand lodge during the vast year and complimented them for the increased scholarship fund and the pledge of support for the new Provident Hospital.

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FOLLOWING THE installation, the retiring Grand Matron, Sister Elouise Williamson thanked the Grand Chapter for its support.

The incoming grand matron, thanked the membership for the confidence shown her and promised to do her best to promote the plans and ideas of the OES.

W. Levi M. Staten, who was re-elected grand patron, also expressed his gratitude and sincere thanks for the cooperation that had been given him, the Grand Chapter and the Supreme Grand chapter of OES.

THE WEDDING of Miss Deborah Celestine Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Tyler, Sr., and Rodry Webb will take place in Union Baptist Church, Saturday afternoon at three. Mr. Webb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll T. Webb. All are of Baltimore.

Nettie Smith award

Mrs. Martin Luther King, wife of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is to be awarded the distinction of the Grand Daughter Ruler, Nettie B. Smith Gold Medal of Honor.

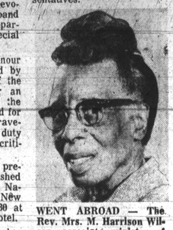
The first presentation of the award goes to Mrs. King because of her devotion to her late husband and her children in preparing them for their special mission in life.

The Gold Medal Honour Award was established by the daughters of the I.O.P.O.E.W to honor an individual who has the most outstanding record for unusual service; for bravery beyond the call of duty and for leadership in critical circumstances.

The award will be presented to this distinguished lady during the Elks National Convention in New York from August 24-30 at the New York Hilton Hotel.

Along with Mrs. Phelan there are three other non-whites serving on the committee which is composed of 110 members. One man and one woman from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Pureto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and the Canal Zone.

Chairman of the Platform Committee is Representative Hale Boggs (D-La.), Majority Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives.



WENT ABROAD — The Rev. Mrs. M. Harrison Wilson, associate minister of Baltimore Bethel AME Church, returned last month from a trip abroad which included a visit to the Holy Land.

Iota award

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Miss Sharon Todd of Denver, Colo., was recipient of the 1968 national scholarship when Iota Phi Lambda Sorversary convention, here, last week.

Miss Todd will matriculate at the College of the Canons, a branch of Southern Colorado State College, this fall.

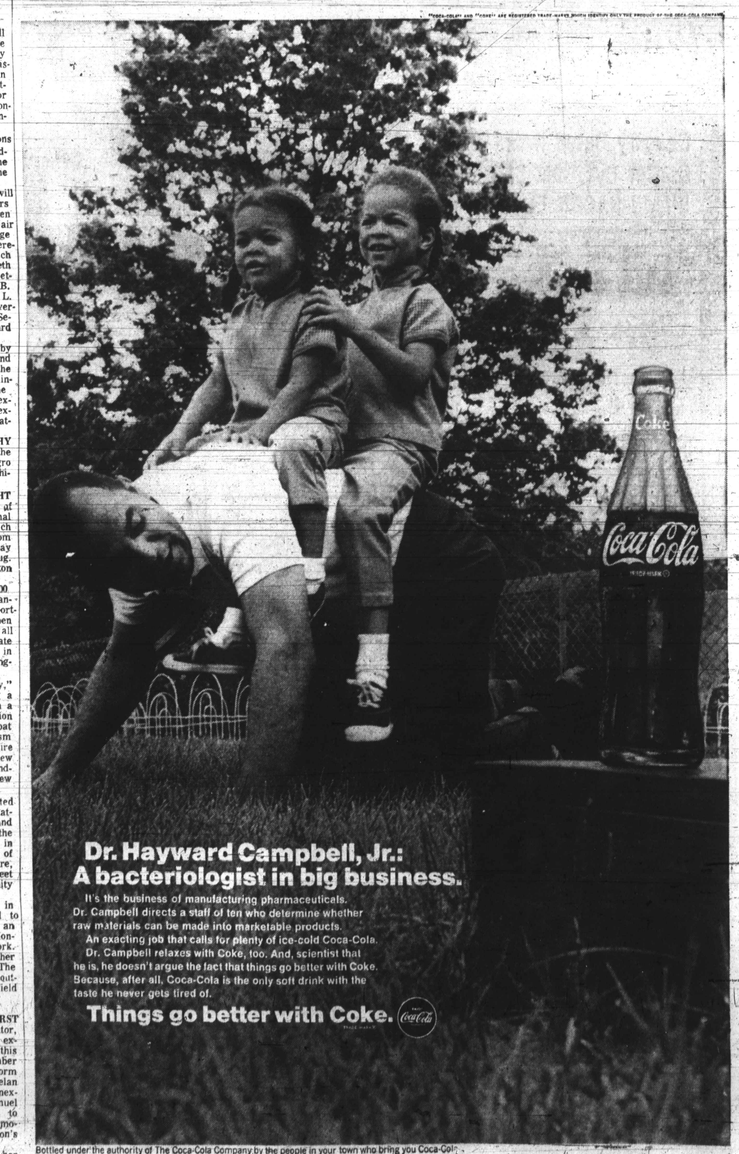
REGIONAL WINNERS of scholarships were:

Miss Mary L. Fields, Savanah, Ga., who wil enter Savannah State College, and who was sponsored by Nu Chapter of that city, Southern Region;

Miss Loyce Askew, Chicago, Ill., sponsored by Alpha Beta Chapter, Western Region, will enter Chicago State College to study business education;

Miss Renee Red, Minneapolis, Minn., sponsored by Gamma Tau, Northern Region;

Miss Linda C. Gilden, Baltimore, Md., sponsored by Kappa Chapter, Eastern Region.



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OPEN LETTER TO COMMISSIONER ECKERT

A to Z

Gen. William D. Eckert, commissioner of baseball, New York City, N.Y., Dear Mr. Commissioner: Some weeks back, I addressed an open letter to American League president Joe Cronin and urged him to "do us no more favors" in his left-handed way of recognizing colored contributions to the game . . . It was my reaction to his selection of Jesse Owens for the job of public relations assistant in the American League office . . . In my message to Cronin, I let it be known that I—along with many other colored fans—regard his appointment of Owens as a tongue-in-cheek affair. . . . that he fet the pressure to add a colored person to his lily-white staff and chose Jesse because of his personality, not because he qualifies.

Owens is a track relic from three decades ago . . . he never played baseball or served the game in any capacity . . . and his chief claim to fame—great though the accomplishment may have been—is his winning effort for the United States in the Olympic Games of 32 years ago. What this has to do with baseball or today's sports picture, is a mystery to me . . . As a consequence, I told Cronin, I came to the conclusion that Owens was handpicked because he vigorously opposes the new colored athlete's concept of civil rights and his method of trying to attain it.

No better man

Inasmuch as I did address you the open letter to the American League president, it is conceivable that I would write you concerning your appointment last week of a colored man to a position on your staff.

I don't think it is possible that you could have selected a better man than Monte Irvin . . . and I have little doubt that every colored person in the land shares my view . . . The former New York Giants outfielder qualifies in every respect . . . He is personable, intelligent and articulate . . . he knows baseball and baseball people . . . When he was active, Irvin was popular with teammates and opposing players alike . . . he was highly respected by umpires and was a favorite among the baseball writers, two groups which maintain a rigid set of standards for judging people and players.

people and players. . . . Additionally, he has gained the necessary experience for this necessary experience for this new post by working in a similar capacity in industry.

Congratulations

Unlike Owens, Irvin has not pogo-sticked across the country trying to dissuade new young athletes in their thinking, nor has he sought to influence anyone in the overall quest of equal citizenship.

He is not an advocate of burning, looting and the like, but he has stood up and permitted himself to be counted at peaceful demonstrations . . . If, up to now, I've failed to get across what I wish to say, it's simply this, Mr. Commissioner: Monte Irvin is a man. . . .my congratulations to you for being one yourself.

Also a symbol

Incidentally, Monte also is something of a symbol, although I'm sure he's never thought of what I'm about to point out . . . As Jackie Robinson stands as the human milestone around which the colored man's history in major league baseball revolves, Monte Irvin represents the game's first acknowledgement of the tan player's value . . . he was the cause of the first battle between big league clubs over a colored athlete's contract.

The truth is that I may be stretching a point in calling it a battle . . . skirmish might be a better word, but the reader can be the judge . . . In 1949, the New York Giants negotiated a deal with Mrs. Effa Manley, owner of the Newark Eagles of the old Negro National League, to purchase Irvin's services . . . Monte was one of the stars on the team that had produced Larry Doby for the Cleveland Indians, and later was to send Piper Davis and Lenny Pearson to organized baseball . . . The transaction was made during the winter at a time when Irvin was playing ball in Havana Cuba).

No war declared

When Giant vice president Chub Feeney arrived in Cuba with a contract for Monte to sign, he was informed by Irvin that he had been contacted previously by the Brooklyn Dodgers . . . He told Feeney that he already had agreed to terms brought to him the day before by Dodger vice president and farm chief Fresco Thompson . . . With in the space of time it takes to say Monte Irvin, Feeney was on the phone talking to Giant Owner Horace Stoneham . . . and moments later, Thompson was burning the trans-Gulf wires in conference with Dodger president Branch Rickey.

For the next 24 hours, Stoneham and Rickey were questioning each other's right to Irvin's contract . . . Horace argued that the Eagles owned Monte's services under the reserve clause of the major league contract then being used by the colored leagues. . . . Branch contended that his emissary had approached Irvin in the impression that Monte was a free agent, had even gone so far as to offer the player a bonus for his signature.

Under the circumstances, one must assume that Stoneham was on firmer ground than Rickey, although the latter never openly admitted it . . . When questioned about it later, the Old Mahatma told A to Z that he called off Thompson and refused to fight the case "because I want very much to see as many teams as will do so, negotiating for qualified colored players . . . We have our share (Jackie, Roy Campanella, Don Newcombe, Dan Bankhead and John Wright) so it'll be great for the cause to have other teams in the league interested."

Notes and quotes

Stan McKenzie, who probably would have been the Baltimore Bullets' outstanding rookie had there not been an Earl Monroe to reckon with last year, is about to become a rookie in the domestic league . . . He's chafing at the bit in anticipation of his marriage Friday, at Baltimore's St. James Episcopal Church . . . the bride is Vashti Smith, daughter of former Big Ten hurdles champion Ed Smith and grand-daughter of the late AFRO publisher Carl Murphy.

Satchel Paige, signed last week as a player-coach of the Atlanta Braves, has also signed to play himself in a TV documentary on his life and times.

Atlanta Falcons defensive coach Hal Merring expressed amazement recently at the speed with which former Morgan State College star Carlton Dabney, gets away on the snap of the football . . . "That's easy to explain," Dabney said . . . "My college coach Coach Earl Banks, told me a long time ago; there are only two kinds of football players—the quick and the dead . . . I decided I'd rat dead . . . I decided I'd rather be quick."

SAM LACY

AFRO Sports

'AARON DAY' NOD:

Moves 25,000 with humility

ATLANTA, Ga.—A crowd of 25,000 well-wishers stood in stunned silence here Friday night as one of baseball's finest all-time athletes accepted their tribute in genuine modesty.

HANK AARION

"I want to thank everyone who has made this night possible," he said, "but most of all I wish to thank God for giving me the chance to play baseball."

The slugging Atlanta Braves outfielder took the micraphone while standing in the midst of countless gifts showered upon him as fan affection for him on "Hank Aaron Night."

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LATER, Aaron configed that he had been afraid he wouldn't prove worthy of the gala ceremony in his behalf.

"After all those gifts and the parade, I was so afraid that I would have a bad game," he said. "Two years ago, we had a night that for Eddie Mathews and it didn't turn out well at all. We lost the game and Eddie didn't have a chance to star."

AARON needn't have worried. Atlanta ripped the Philadelphia Phillies, 6-0, and Hank drove in four of those runs, including three with his 504th career homer. This raised him into third place on the National League's all-time home run list.

Oddly, the player he passed on the list was Mathews, his former teammate, who was present for the festivities. Mathews currently is with the Detroit Tigers, but is on their disabled list.

Joe Frazier camp nixes Clay bout

ST. LOUIS (UPI) —Efforts by a St. Louis boxing promoter to line up a bout between deposed heavyweight champion Cassius Clay and Joe Frazier of Philadelphia, have ended in failure.

Matchmaker Max Year-gain said negotiations for the proposed bout fell through because members of the syndicate owning Frazier's contract refused to approve the match.

13-year-old fires net world

ATLANTA, Ga. — Horace Reed, a thirteen-year-old prodigy playing in his last of eight sanctioned USLTA tournaments of 1968, won two more championships in the 14-year-old division, and was finalist in the 16-year-old singles.

Horace at the Georgia Junior closed in Macon August 12-17 won the 14 singles championship by defeating Billy Dobbs, Convington, Ga. 6-3, 6-2.

He took the 14 doubles championship, with his partner, Dal Burton, by defeating John Hodnett and Ted Blackman, 6-1 and neared a third championship when he lost in the finals to Buddy Howell of this city, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

In two consecutive tournaments, Reid was a triple championship winner at the Smoky Mountain Jr. in Knoxville July 15-20, and a double championship winner at the Crackerland in Athens, Ga. July 29-August 4.

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SO FAR this season, Reid has collected 14 trophies from playing in eight USLTA and one ATA tournaments. Reid and Chuck Cloniger won the 14 doubles championship at Greensboro, N.C., June 17.

Reid and Weatherly were finalists in the 14 doubles at the Tennessee Valley Invitational At Chattanooga June 24-30.

He and Juan Braschi were finalists in the 14 doubles at Nashville in the Volunteer State Jr. July 1-6.

In the ATA Georgia State Open July 26-29, Reid won the junior singles championship and was finalist with 12-year-old partner Dennis Ware.

Cardinals to play in Tokeyo

ST. LOUIS (UPI) —The St. Louis Cardinals announced Friday an 18-game schedule for their post-season trip to Japan.

Most of the games will be played in Tokyo and the opponent in 10 games will be the Yomiuri Giants of Japan's central league.

scheduled to arrive in Tokyo on Oct 23 and play their firs tgame two days later against the Giants. The trip, which will end Nov. 24, will include two games against the Japanese All-Stars and another against an all-Japanese team.

The only St. Louis player not expected to make the trip is Roger Maris, who has announced he will retire after the World Series.

GETS BIG LEAGUE POST — Monte Irvin (right), who spearheaded the New York Giants' miracle drive to the National League pennant in 1951, las week was named to the staff of Baseball Commissioner William D. Eckert. Irvin, who hit .312 and led the league with 121 runs batted in, assumes the duties of assistant director of promotions and publicity on Sept. 1.

Tyus-Bailes duo forms best gals' Olympic hope

WALNUT, Calif. (UPI) — Sprint rivals Wyomia Tyus and Margaret Johnson Bailes proved again over the weekend that they are the United States' best hopes for gold medals in women's track and field competition at the October Olympic Games in Mexico City.

Miss Tyus, 22, winner of the 100-meter gold medal at the 1964 Olympics, won the event Sunday night at the Olympic women's track and field trials at Mt. San Antonio College, edging Mrs. Bailes, who got a poor start, by four feet.

THE FIRST three finishers in each of the 10 events at the weekend trials won places on the U.S. Olympic team.

Miss Tyus, a Tennessee State senior, said she was pleased with her race Sunday.

"It's really hard to pull from behind. I knew if I got out in front, I should be able to hold my own. The thing is to get out there and not tighten up."

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THE VICTORY was particularly sweet for Miss Tyus because on Saturday night Mrs. Bailes, a 17-year-old Eugene, Ore., high school senior, upset the Olympic champion in the 200-meter dash with a 23.5 clocking, the best time ever for the Oregonion in that event.

The Olympic trial results were a reversal of the National AAU meet at Auzora, Colo. Miss Tyus captured the 200-meter race but lost the 100-meter event to Mrs. Bailes.

BARBARA FERRELL of Los Angeles, co-holder with Mrs. Bailes, Miss Tyus and three foreign sprinters of meter record, placed third the 11.1 world record 100-in both that event and the 200-meter dash at the trials.

She also set an American record of 7.3 seconds, one-tenth of a second off the old mark, in an exhibition 60-meter dash.

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THESE young women join Willye White who became the first American woman ever to earn trips to four Olympics.

Miss White of Chicago won her fourth Olympic berth by placing second in the long jump behind Martha Watson, a Tennessee State student from long Beach, Calif., whose jump measured 21-0 ¾.

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ON SATURDAY, Mamie Rallins of Chicago, captured the 80-meter hurdles in 11 seconds.

Madeline Manning, the American record holder from Tennessee State, withstood a strong challenge from Doris Brown of Seattle to win the 800-meter run in 2:03.7.

WYOMIA TYUS and MARGARET BAILES
America's speed queens

BLACK MEN'S CHAMP:

Ethel Funches wins 2nd straight UGA golf title

By SAM LACY

WASHINGTON — Ethel Funches of this city, captured her second straight national women's golf championship here Saturday at the Langston Golf Course, romping off with a 13-stroke advantage over her nearest pursuer, Frances Mays, also of Washington.

Mrs. Funches, undoubtedly the most consistent distaff player on the United Golfers' Association tour, has won five national crowns in the last ten years.

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SHE FIRST established herself as a contender in 19.58 when she showed signs of playing the kind of golf that would net her the 1959 and 1960 titles. She recaptured the honor in 1963, after one-year victories each by Vernice Turner and Connie Jones.

In 1964, Renee Powell of Cleveland, now on the Ladies PGA tour, was the champion, and in 1965-66 the title went to Ann Gregory of Chicago, in neither of which tournaments Mrs. Funches competed.

Ethel then went on to win last year and this.

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JAMES BLACK of Charlotte, N.C., took the 72-hole men's event, firing a torrid 279 in three days of blistering heat, during which the thermometer not once went below 94 degrees.

Black, who had been a player on the PGA tour until his card was lifted last year for insufficient play, was nine under par for the tournament. He led Curtis Sifford of Los Angeles, and George Thorpe of Cleveland, by four strokes.

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SIFFORD is a nephew of Charley Sifford, a regular on the PGA tour and winner of the 1967 Hartford (Conn.) Open championship. Both he and Thorpe overhauled James Walker of Los Angeles, on the final day of play to tie at 283.

Walker was just two strokes off Black after the tournament's third round, 209-211, but shot a closing day 75. Meanwhile, Black was around in 70 to widen his margin, while Sifford and Thorpe shot 68 and 71 respectively, to run down Walker, the former Harlem sharpshooter.

Baltimore's Joe Flowers matched Walker's card of 286, to negotiate the fourth-place deadlock.

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BLACK, apparently unmindful of the brutal heat, opened with a 71, then put two 69's back to back, and finished with a fashionable 70.

It was thus that he took advantage of the absence of Lee Elder, who was the UGA titlist in 1966-67, and had previously won the crown five times.

Elder passed up the event to compete in the $100,000 Philadelphia Classic at Whitemarsh county Club. Two weeks ago, Lee playing his rookie year on the bigtime wheel, carried Jack Nicklaus 77 holes before succumbing in "sudden death" play in the American Classic.

AMATEUR honors went to Eddie Leonard of Detroit, Mich. He turned a final round of 72, which is par for the Northeast D.C. layout, to complete a card of 294, two strokes better than the card signed by 19-year-old Ron Terry of Aberdeen, Md.

Terry, son of a former Maryland State champion, Vernon Terry, is regarded one of the most promising youngsters in competition.

However, Ronnie dissipated a one-stroke lead he held on Thursday night, by taking 75 on his final round, while Leonard was closing with an even-par performance.

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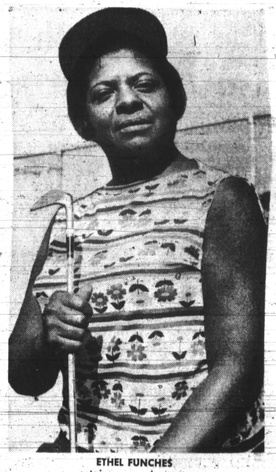
ANOTHER Detroiter, Todd DeFratties, also came off the pace to win one of the titles.

He overhauled John Turpin of Washington, as the latter needed 85 in the broiling sun. DeFratties finished with 315, to Turpin's runner-up 316.



ETHEL FUNCHES
retains women's crown

'Big O' wins boost for NBA players

NEW YORK — Oscar Robertson is credited with winning the best pay scale in history for players of the National Basketball Association.

A minimum salary of $12,500 was announced last week for all current players.

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THE AGREEMENT was announced jointly by Robertson and NBA commissioner Walter Kennedy. Robertson of the Cincinnati Royals, is president of the National Basketball Players Association. It also sets up a minimum of $10,000 annually for rookies, effective with the 1968-69 season.

The following season, all established players will receive $13,500 minimum and the rookies will get $12,500. Rookie minimums also will reach $13,500 beginning with the 1970-71 season.

Kennedy and Robertson formally signed the agreement Friday at Baltimore's St. James Episcopal Church . . . the bride is Vashti Smith, daughter of former Big Ten hurdles champion Ed Smith and grand-daughter of the late AFRO publisher Carl Murphy.

Dixie okays mixed acts

Further indication of the breakdown in objection of integrated musical groups will be tested in one of the south's hotbeds of racism, Meridian, Miss., on Oct. 10-when singer Carrie Smith works the Alabama-Mississippi State Fair with the all-white Big Jim Little band.

Agent Harold Jovien was reluctant in submitting the attraction to bookers Young-Taylor, Chicago, but the reply came back "accepted."

Jovien added, "In more sophisticated places throughout the south, I could understand approval on such a date — but this is the wildest of the wild!"

Last week Peter Duchin attested to integration of bands in Dixie.

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