



The 1974 Cotillion - Susan Smith - The (Helen) Smith Family



A Little Older, a Little Larger, Nicer Place . . . 1957



A NEW BAND COMES TO HARLEM FROM THE ROCKIES AND ROCKS IT



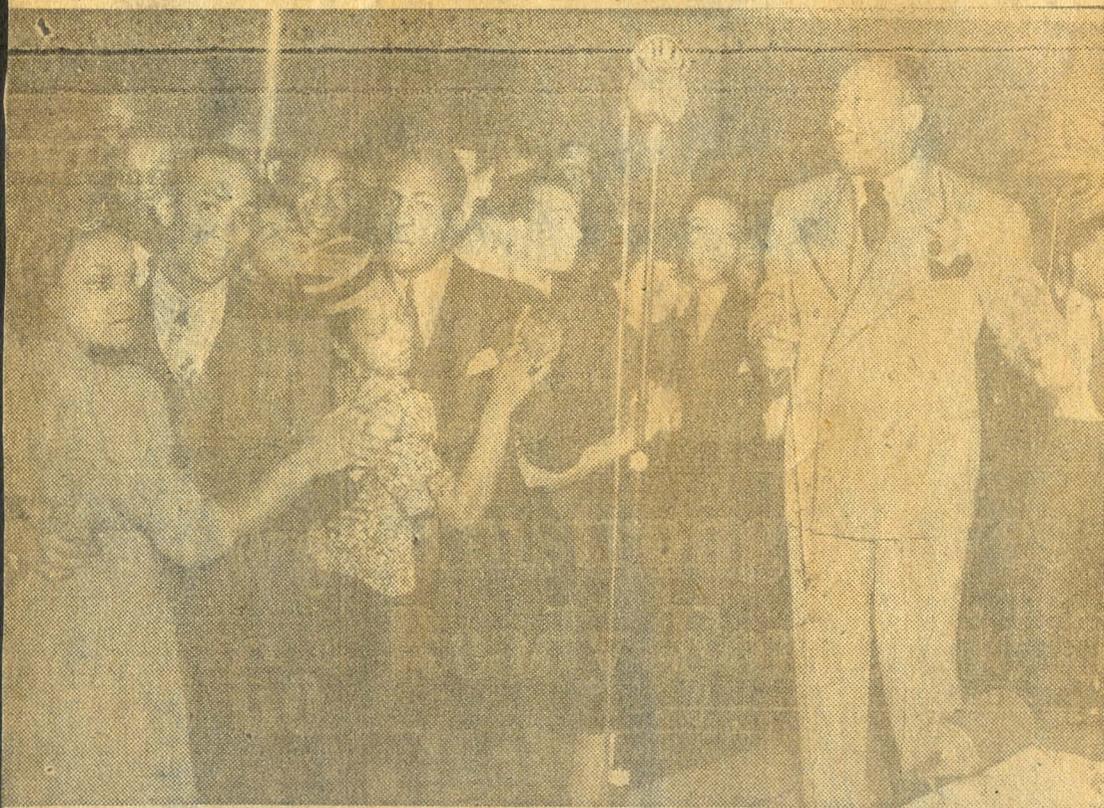
From Omar's Dome and other famous spots in and around Angeles, Harlem got a new last week when Les Hite, Duke Ellington of the C came to town. Playing a type of swing than the Eastern jitterbugs are used Hite made an instant hit his originality. Current at Golden Gate, New York band will exit for a fling Apollo Theatre and the F in Washington, D. C.

Left to right: Les Hite, maestro, whose different arrangements are making the up and beg for more. above: his reed section leader, below: Vocalist

Amusements

Red Saunders, Les Hite Expected To Be Chi's Big Bands For Coming Year

CHICAGO HAILS LES HITE'S OPENING



When Les Hite opened his thrice weekly dance engagement at the Parkway ballroom last Sunday night jitterbugs and plain music lovers literally jammed the place. Here you see Hollywood's

famed band leader directing a radio broadcast while the dancers make merry. The band appears Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays, broadcasting twice nightly over station WIND.

LES HITE GETS SOME AIR TIME

If you dial your radio to the Columbia network some evening, and hear a really hot swing band, you can rest assured that it will be Les Hite and his famous orchestra from California, broadcasting from the Parkway ballroom here over Station WIND.

The orchestra, which came out of California a little more than a year ago, has progressed until today it ranks as one of the finest and most entertaining outfits in the country.

Certificate of Recognition

Believing that one's having been a member of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ for FIFTY YEARS is an attainment which should be recognized.

The Salem Baptist Church
of Champaign, Illinois

takes pleasure in awarding this certificate of recognition to

Mrs. Lila J. Benton

who became a member of this church

1887

Robert L. Lillard

Pastor

Helen J. Hite

Clerk of Church

Sunday, June 20, 1948.

*Thought you'd like this
Alpha Kappa Alpha*



News-Gazette Photo by Bob King

50-YEAR MEMBERS. Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Epsilon Epsilon Omega, with 50 or more years of active membership were honored at a tea in the home of Patricia Lewis, 2904 W. Daniel St., C, president of the alumnae chapter. Pictured left to right are Alice Lee Pope, Helen Johnson Hite and Bernice Lee Brightwell. All are charter members of the Epsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter.

3 Charter Meetings Slated Members Honored

Alice Pope, Helen Hite and Bernice Brightwell, 50-year members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Epsilon Epsilon Omega, were honored at a tea in the home of Patricia Lewis, 2904 W. Daniel St., C, president of the alumnae chapter.

The three women are charter members of the Epsilon Epsilon Omega chapter.

The tea was followed by a business meeting to finalize plans for a scholarship dinner dance Sept. 30 in the Round Barn Banquet Center.

Members of the dance committee are Henrine Casey, chairman, Helestine Session, Maudie Edwards, Linda Knight and Garnetta Brown.

Tickets may be purchased from any sorority member.



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Seneca: If sensuality were happiness, beasts were happier than the men; but human felicity is lodged in the soul, not in the flesh.

LOCAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

In the discussion before the Chamber of Commerce at its June meeting on the subject of parks and boulevards, something was said about minor matters of city beautification that can be kept moving without the foundation of any large, elaborated plan. Improvement of school grounds and buildings was mentioned among these. Recently "The Gazette" had occasion to say that the Champaign school houses are not up to the grade which meets approval in cities of our pretensions. The suggestion is therefore good and timely. In the schools and the homes children get their ideas of the beauty and comeliness of things. But interiorly and exteriorly some of our school buildings present an aspect of neglect and slovenliness which is not creditable and educationally is bad. Some of them have mere white walls, sensitive to soft coal and provocative of the activity of lead pencils and soiled fingers. These very conditions operate against successful instruction in matters of taste. These and many like existing things need immediate attention. How much the board of education will be able to accomplish in the direction of better

ABOUT THE PLANS

Colored Women Getting Ready for Federation Meeting.

Club Assembled Tuesday and Selected Those Who Are to Deliver Addresses of Welcome.

The Woman's Progressive club of Champaign and Urbana, met at the home of Mrs. A. E. Pierce Tuesday evening to make preparations for the coming of the Illinois Federation of Colored Woman's clubs, to occur next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The president of the club, Mrs. Effie Lewis, was called out of the city on account of the death of her sister, and Mrs. Luster Johnson was selected to deliver the address of welcome to the delegates. On behalf of the city, Mayor S. A. Blaine will deliver the address of welcome. Congressman W. B. McKinley has also promised to speak before the federation.

The club will hold another meeting Friday afternoon to further the general arrangements. Nearly every city of importance in the state has one or more organizations of colored women and it is expected that a majority of them will send delegates to the state meeting.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Capt. W. R. Block of Company C has sent notice to the members of his company to assemble at Neil and Main streets at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening.

H. V. Juul, J. B. Cabanis and B. P. Irwin have returned from Chicago, after a stay there of a few days.

The Graduate club of the University will hold an important meeting this evening in Room 301 University Hall. The affairs of the past year will be closed up.

It has been found, on account of the continued bad weather, that the interfraternity golf tournament arranged for this spring can not be completed before the close of the University, much to the disappointment of the members of the association.

L. A. Dumser has been suffering a very severe attack of tonsillitis the past few days and it was found

THE BUSINESS SLAVE.

'Tis hot and sultry at my desk;
The endless figures seem to blur,
And visions come of wooded dells,
Where cooling forest breezes stir.
And yet, around, on every side,
My books and letters seem to say
In tones of heartless mockery:
"Can't get away! Can't get away!"

So here I toll and fret and frown;
And so the fickle seasons pass.
The snow of winter melts away—
The green creeps back into the grass.
But always, in the weary round,
I follow, slavelike day by day,
Dull Care breaks in upon my dreams—
"Can't get away! Can't get away!"
—Louis E. Thayer in New York Press.

The Reason.



"My son is going to be either a great financier or politician."

"Does he take an interest in such things?"

"No, but he's got to make a living somehow, and he just won't work."—
Utica Observer.

His Idea of a Bath.

"I had a bachelor apartment at one time with an Englishman, who was always talking about his 'bawth, you know,'" he began. "The first thing of a morning he said: 'I must take my bawth, you know. Really, now, I must take my bawth. Haw, haw!'"

"He did so much talking about this 'bawth' of his that he must take 'you know' that I stayed one morning to see him take it, to see if it was different from the bath of the American.

"It was, you know. This is what he did: First he spread a soft towel at the bottom of the bathtub, then turned on the water till it was about two inches high.

"So as not to chill my feet, you know," he explained to me. "Haw, haw!"

"Then he stood on the soft towel, in the two inches of water, turned on the spray, sprang through it, leaped out and rushed for a towel.

"He had taken his 'bawth, you know. Haw, haw!'"—New York Press.

Worth Waiting For.

An old gentleman rather portly and



The spot you value is all

Week Starting

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Dora Deadwood Vaudeville, all not one old THE CUT have caught started well, BIG SUNDAY Motion Saturday Fine for the MA

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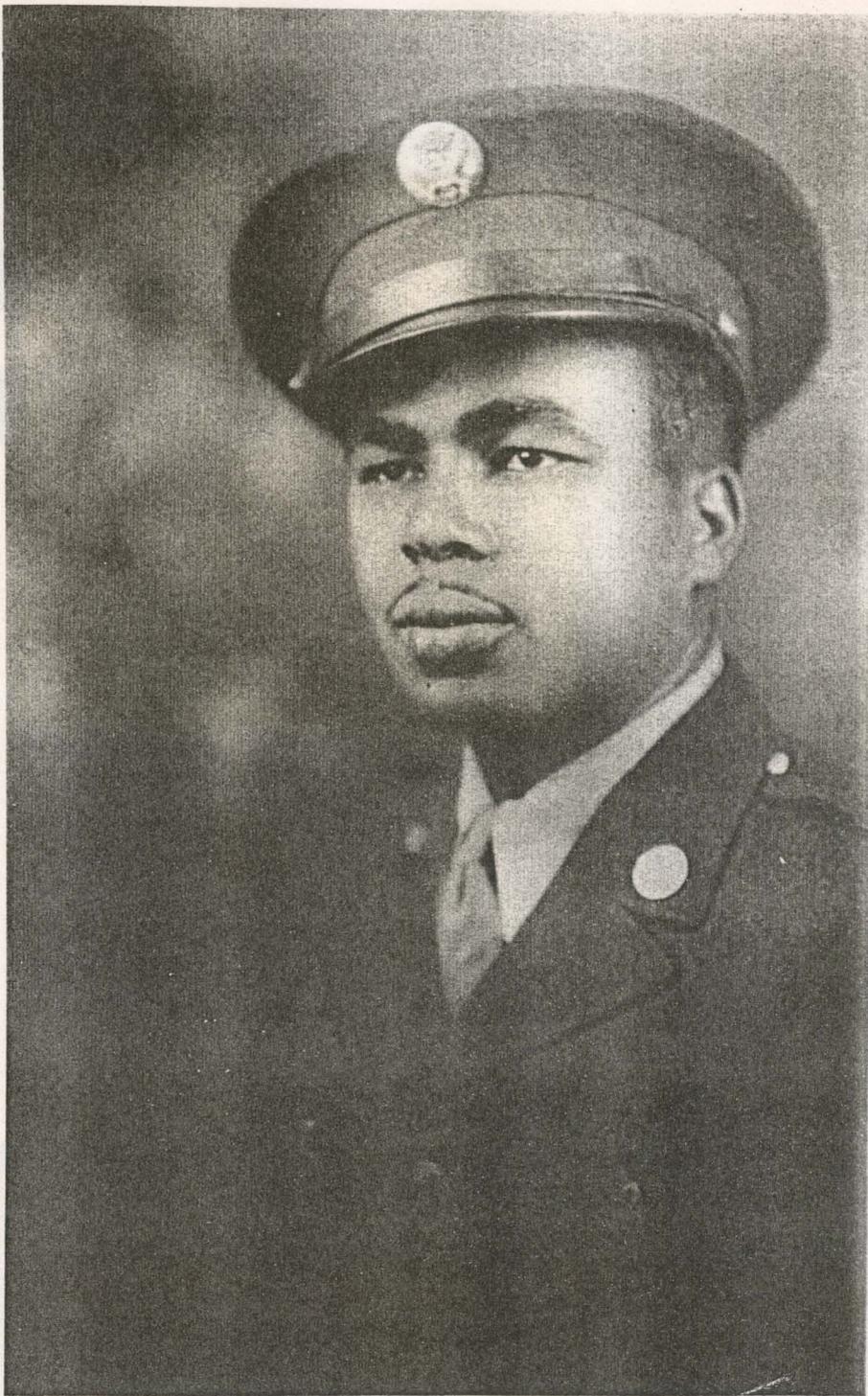
Change of program a week, Monday days.

Admission

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the death record for the decedent named at ITEM 1 and that this record was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois statutes relating to the registration of births, fetal deaths, and deaths.

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS DATE April 8, 1983 SIGNED Lyle A. Feller OFFICIAL TITLE-LOCAL REGISTRAR

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. <u>10.0</u>		REGISTERED NUMBER <u>339</u>		STATE OF ILLINOIS				STATE FILE NUMBER	
DECEASED - NAME				FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SEX	DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	
1. <u>Helen M. Hite</u>							2. <u>Female</u>	3. <u>April 5, 1983</u>	
RACE - (WHITE, BLACK, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC.) (SPECIFY)		ORIGIN OR DESCENT	AGE - LAST BIRTHDAY (YRS)	UNDER 1 YEAR	UNDER 1 DAY	DATE OF BIRTH (MO., DAY, YEAR)		COUNTY OF DEATH	
4a. <u>Black</u>		4b. <u>American</u>	3a. <u>81</u>	5b.	5c.	6. <u>10-26-1901</u>		7a. <u>Champaign</u>	
CITY, TOWN, TWP. OR ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER			HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER)				IF HOSP. OR INST. INDICATE DOA, OP/EMER. RM, INPATIENT (SPECIFY)		
7b. <u>Urbana</u>			7c. <u>Mercy Hospital</u>				7d. <u>Emer. Rm.</u>		
STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A. NAME COUNTRY)		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY		MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY)		NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE (MAIDEN NAME, IF WIFE)			
8. <u>Illinois</u>		9. <u>USA</u>		10. <u>Divorced</u>		11. <u>None</u>			
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		USUAL OCCUPATION		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY		U.S. WAR VETERAN (YES/NO)		WAR OR DATES OF SERVICE	
12. <u>327-20-0246</u>		13a. <u>General</u>		13b. <u>Laborer</u>		13c. <u>No</u>		13d. <u>None</u>	
RESIDENCE STREET AND NUMBER			CITY, TOWN, TWP. OR ROAD DISTRICT NO.		INSIDE CITY (YES/NO)	COUNTY		STATE	
14a. <u>503 E. Columbia</u>			14b. <u>Champaign</u>		14c. <u>Yes</u>	14d. <u>Champaign</u>		14e. <u>Illinois</u>	
FATHER - NAME				FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME		
15. <u>Luster J. Johnson</u>							16. <u>Lila Broumwell</u>		
INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE				RELATIONSHIP		MAILING ADDRESS (STREET AND NO. OR R. F. D., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)			
17a. <u>Margaret Smith</u>				17b. <u>Daughter</u>		17c. <u>1302 Crispus Dr. Champaign, Ill.</u>			
18. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:				[ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c)]				APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH	
PART I. IMMEDIATE CAUSE									
CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GIVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST.		(a) <u>Cardio-pulmonary arrest</u>						2 hrs.	
		(b) <u>Myocardial infarction</u>						2 hrs.	
		(c)							
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a)						AUTOPSY (YES/NO)		IF YES, WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH	
<u>Essential hypertension</u>						19a. <u>No</u>		19b.	
DATE OF OPERATION, IF ANY		MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION							
20a.		20b.							
I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM:		(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	TO	(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	AND LAST SAW HIM/HER ALIVE ON:		(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	HOUR OF DEATH	
21a. <u>Feb 1960</u>				21b. <u>4/5/83</u>	21c. <u>4/5/83</u>		21d. <u>2:32 P.M.</u>		
TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, DEATH OCCURRED AT THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED.						DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)			
22a. SIGNATURE <u>Paul J. Barton</u>						Paul Barton		22b. <u>4/5/83</u>	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER						ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER			
22c. <u>704 W. Clark - Champaign, Ill.</u>						22d. <u>25657</u>			
NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (TYPE OR PRINT)						NOTE: IF AN INJURY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS DEATH THE CORONER MUST BE NOTIFIED.			
23. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY)		CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME		LOCATION	CITY OR TOWN	STATE	DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)		
24a. <u>Burial</u>		24b. <u>Mt. Hope</u>		24c. <u>Champaign, Ill.</u>		24d. <u>4-8-1983</u>			
FUNERAL HOME		NAME		STREET AND NUMBER OR R.F.D.		CITY OR TOWN	STATE	ZIP	
25a. <u>Parker & Son</u>		<u>704 N. Fourth St.</u>		<u>Champaign, Ill.</u>		<u>61820</u>			
FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE						FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER			
25b. <u>Harold L. Blunt</u>						25c. <u>031-007669</u>			
LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE						DATE REC'D. BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)			
26a. <u>Lyle A. Feller</u>						26b. <u>April 8, 1983</u>			



Earl Smith
Air Corps; Pacific

"I was working at Chanute Field the night of Pearl Harbor and the MPs, you couldn't move without being checked that first day. In fact, from the gate to the hospital I was checked three times."

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Ambassadors

1st Row Earl Smith, Melvin Banks, Horace Chapman
Clarence Jackson, Major Brown, Ernest Mills
Odell Scoby

2nd Row Ames Chester, James J. Williams, Harry Jordan, Les Jamison
Larry Hess, Frank Hendricks



ERNEST J. LESHITE

First Black Urbana Policeman

Harry Anderson

URBANA — Funeral services for Harry Warren Anderson, 75, of Urbana will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Hope Mausoleum, 611 E. Pennsylvania Ave., C. The Rev. Claude E. Shelby Sr. will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Champaign.

Mr. Anderson died at 5:35 p.m. Friday (May 31, 1996) at the Americana Healthcare Center, Urbana.

He was born March 18, 1921, at Urbana, a son of Wilbert and Hattie Hite Anderson. He married Addie Thorne on June 30, 1950, at Las Vegas, Nev. She died June 30, 1968.

Survivors include two sons, Harrie Warren Anderson of Racine, Wis., and Adlar Bryson Anderson of Gaithersburg, Md.; a daughter, Dierdre Anderson-Jenkins of Urbana; three sisters, Mary Edith Thomas of Phoenix, Ariz., Verna Martin of Rantoul and Frances Isom of Rockford; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

Mr. Anderson was a 1941 graduate of Urbana High School. He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army. He retired as an operations supervisor at the Illini Union after working there for 18 years. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church, Champaign.

Zoe Burgess

CHAMPAIGN — Zoe Burgess



ANDERSON

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at Calvert Funeral Home, 201 S. Center St., Clinton.

Helen Grammer

MAHOMET — Funeral services for Helen Grammer, 83, of Mahomet will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mittendorf-Calvert-Morgan Funeral Home, Champaign Chapel, 2400 Galen Drive, C. The Rev. J. Keith Zimmerman will officiate.

Burial will be in Grandview Memorial Gardens, Champaign.

Visitation will be for one hour before the services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Grammer died at 9:40 a.m. Sunday (June 2, 1996) at the Care Centre of Champaign.

She was born June 9, 1912, at Seymour, a daughter of John W. and Ida Mae Fosnaugh Dubson. She married Carl E. Grammer on Dec. 24, 1933, at Mahomet. He died Aug. 7, 1987.

Survivors include a son, Ken Grammer of Mahomet; a brother, Eugene Dubson of Fisher; three sisters, Pearl Hinton of Fisher, Norma Manint of Bement and Mildred Hill of Denver; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

Mrs. Grammer was a graduate of Champaign High School. She retired from the Jewel-Eisner meat department and deli after working there 22 years. She was a member of the Mahomet Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to an organization of the donor's choice or to the Mahomet Methodist Church.

Samuel Grant

MAHOMET — Samuel M.

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ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Elzie Howell
Gerald Foster
Woody Cannon
Russell Cheatham
Eddie Lane
T. T. Coleman

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Clay Walker
John Hudson
Tim Stillwell
Clyde Perkins
Mack Williams
Charlie D. Robinson

FLOWER BEARERS

Mildred Webb Missionary Circle

Bluitt-Parker Funeral Home
In Charge

Funeral Service For



MR. EARNEST E. HITE

Tuesday, November 5, 1985 1:00 P.M.

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
500 E. Park Street
Champaign, Illinois

Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr. Officiating

Interment

Mt. Hope Cemetery

October 7, 1922

November 1, 1985

O B I T U A R Y

Mr. Earnest E. Hite, 63, son of the late Earnest S. and Helen (Johnson) Hite was born October 7, 1922, in Champaign, IL. He married Dorothy L. Patterson in 1954 in Indianapolis, IN.

Mr. Hite attended Champaign Public Schools and united with Salem Baptist Church while a youth. He was retired from Clifford-Jacobs Forging Company after 42 years of service. He was a member of the Ironworkers, Boilermakers and Shipmakers Local 1626. Mr. Hite was also a U. S. Army Veteran. He was an accomplished musician playing with the Soul Brothers (now called Tan Band); had played with the Lus Hite Band in the 1940's; and was a member of the Champaign Federation of Musicians Local 196, where he held an emeritus position.

On Friday, November 1, 1985, at Carle Hospital, he departed this life. He will be greatly missed by many relatives and friends.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy, he leaves to cherish his memory four sons, Louis Hite of Fairfield, AL, Earnest E. Hite, Jr., of Chicago, IL, Darryl E. Hite of Champaign, and Marvin L. Hite of Peoria, IL; one daughter, Karen J. Hite of Elizabethtown, NC; six grandchildren; one brother, Luster J. Hite, Pacoima, CA; one sister, Margaret H. Smith, Champaign, IL and a host of other relatives and friends.

To everything there is a season, and a time to purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die....

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 2

Time cannot steal the treasures
That we carry in our hearts.

O R D E R O F S E R V I C E

Processional

Selection Choir

Scripture Minister

Prayer Minister

Selection Choir

Acknowledgements and Condolences

Obituary

Remarks Ministers

Solo Cle Easley

Eulogy Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr.

Recessional

Benediction

The family of Mr. Earnest E. Hite would like to take this opportunity to thank their many friends and neighbors for the cards, florals, telegrams, condolences and other expressions of sympathy extended to them during their bereavement.

GAMMA UPSILON PSI SOCIETY
PRESENTS
COTILLION BALL



Cpl. Harry Anderson, Wife Are Well



CORP. AND MRS. ANDERSON
 Corp. Harry Anderson and wife
 are well. He is weighing 203
 pounds. Mrs. Anderson, formerly
 Miss Marlan Porter, daughter of
 Mrs. Rose Davis of Chicago, re-
 mains in California, hoping to

make a visit on the 4th of July
 home, while Corp. Anderson, her
 husband, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wil-
 ber Anderson, of W. Beech Street,
 Urbana, is in New Guinea. God
 bless them."

rs Prize



SGT. ANDERSON
 Sgt. Hershel Anderson, visited
 his family in Danville, Ill., and
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber An-
 derson of West Beech Street,
 Urbana, Ill. The Sgt. left Sunday
 for Camp at Lake Charles, La.



PITTSBURGH — "American
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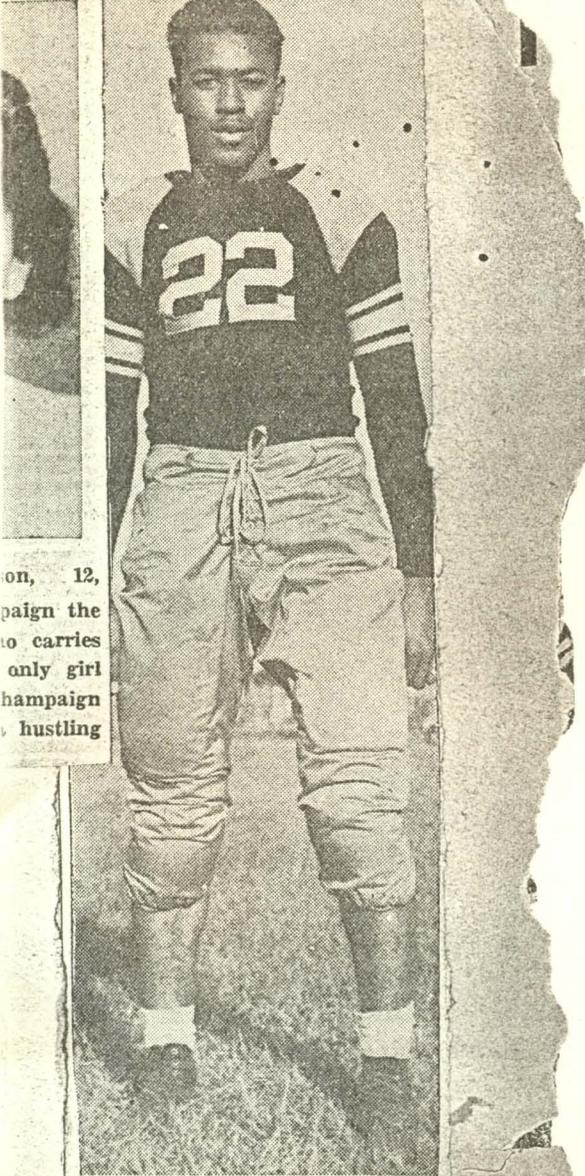
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Mrs. Hattie Anderson, the popular Gospel song bird of Salem Baptist Church Chorus recently appeared on a program at Westville for Mrs. Julius Woods in her Missionary work at the Baptist Church accompanying Mrs. Anderson to Westville were: Mrs. A. Merrifield, her daughter, Francis, Mrs. W. Pickens as pianist and Sgt. and Mrs. Hershel Anderson. Mrs. Anderson has also been invited to appear again for Mrs. Hall at Georgetown Baptist Church where she will be the guest of the family and Mrs. O. Scott.



Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Anderson of North Mathews Avenue, Urbana, Ill., were entertained Monday evening, celebrating their fourteenth wedding anniversary, May 25, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher, on East Hill Street. Anderson, their daughter, was also honored, having graduated from Thornburn Junior High School, Urbana. Only a few special guests were present at the party. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher, on East Hill Street.



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Harry Anderson - Son of Hattie Hite An-
derson. Hattie was a sister of Ernest Hite
Sr., who married Helen Johnson - Bell
were the parents of Margaret and Ernest
Hite, Jr. & Lester.

D Harry Anderson, speedy
Urbana halfback, scored one
touchdown and passed to
Leal Nelson for another as
the Tigers won their second
straight game at Paris Fri-
day, 12-0.

**Marion Porter Wed
To H. W. Anderson**

Marion Porter, daughter of Mrs.
Rosa Davis, 512 East Park street,
and Sergeant Harry Warren An-
derson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry
Anderson, 1211 Beech street, Ur-
bana, were married Saturday after-
noon. The single ring ceremony was
read by Reverend L. M. Porter, pas-
tor of the Pilgrim Baptist church.
There were no attendants.

Sergeant Anderson, a football
star at Urbana high school in 1940,
is now stationed at Camp Shelby,
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HEAVY COAST VOTING

VOTING GETS SERIOUS WITH COASTERS LEANING TO SUBSCRIPTION ROUTE TO PUT HITE IN FRONT OF COUNT BASIE

Hawkins Holds--Kirk Starts Upswing, Tops Lunceford

By **BILLY ROWE**
(Contest Editor)

NEW YORK, Nov. 28—Like some gay Lochinvar out of the West, Les Hite hits the top of the band running this week with a sensational deluge of some 8,000 votes, to establish a new mark for Eastern, Northern and Southern contestants to shoot at.

A great coast favorite, Hite, who has appeared in any number of major motion pictures, and gained the right to be called the Duke Ellington of California, when featured at Sebastian's famous Cotton club, has purred on the coast's swing throne for many years. Making his first tour through the East, South and North, just last season, he musically went about his tasks in a melodious manner making friends and influencing the masses of the glitterbug era. In defense of the ability and popularity of their favorite, swing minded Californians came to the fore with enough subscription votes to put Hite in front of Count Basie, last week's leader, who is still polling a great number of coupon votes.

With the exception of Hite, who rose from eighteenth place to top the current list, pushing Basie into second, the other bands hold doggedly to their positions with Erskine Hawkins receiving the next highest number of votes. But, Andy Kirk, who has been on a steady climb, moves up to top Lunceford, with Lucky Millinder, Lionel Hampton, Jimmy Raschell, Fats Waller and Ella Fitzgerald, still attracting mass voters' attention.

Come on, readers, Get into the swing! For three cents in some sections, two cents in others, you can do a million dollar value for your favorite band.

VOTE TODAY

Solve that age old question "Who?" "Which?" "What?" or any way you like to phrase it "is the master of this modern American music; the most popular and rightful king of swing, today; season, 1940-41?"

BEST SWING BAND LEADERS

NAME	Votes
LES HITE	4,110
Count Basie	950
Erskine Hawkins	560
Andy Kirk	450
Jimmie Lunceford	440
Lionel Hampton	210
Jimmie Raschel	190
Fats Waller	190
Cab Calloway	180
Ella Fitzgerald	150
Tiny Bradshaw	140
Benny Carter	140
Ernie Fields	140
Earl Hines	130



LES HITE

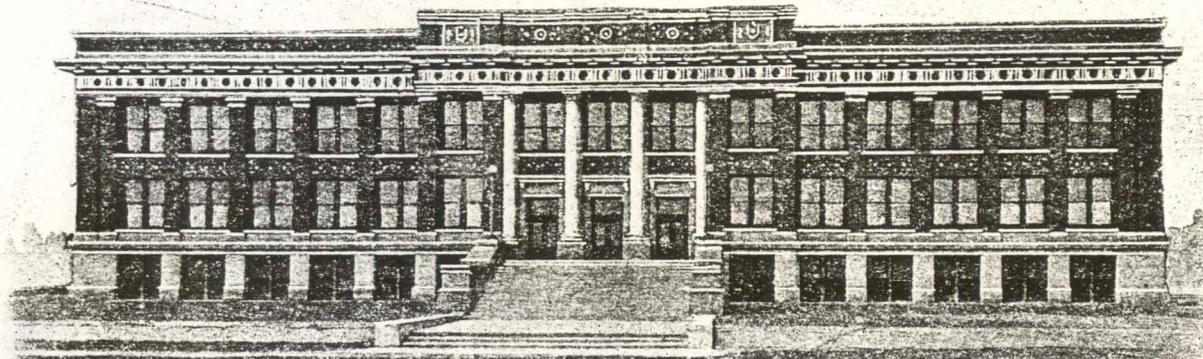
LES HITE IS STILL IN LEAD

BEST SWING BANDS

LES HITE	4110
Count Basie	2050
Erskine Hawkins	1020
Jimmie Lunceford	730
Andy Kirk	490
Louie Armstrong	400
Ernie Fields	320
Lucky Millinder	280
Lionel Hampton	240
Cab Calloway	220
Fats Waller	210
Jimmy Raschel	200
Ella Fitzgerald	170
Tiny Bradshaw	160
Sunset Royals	150
Floyd Ray	150
Noble Sissle	130
Don Albert	130
Ovie Alston	120

SWINGS LES HITE INTO LEAD

Champaign High School



This Certifies
That

Marion Rose Johnson

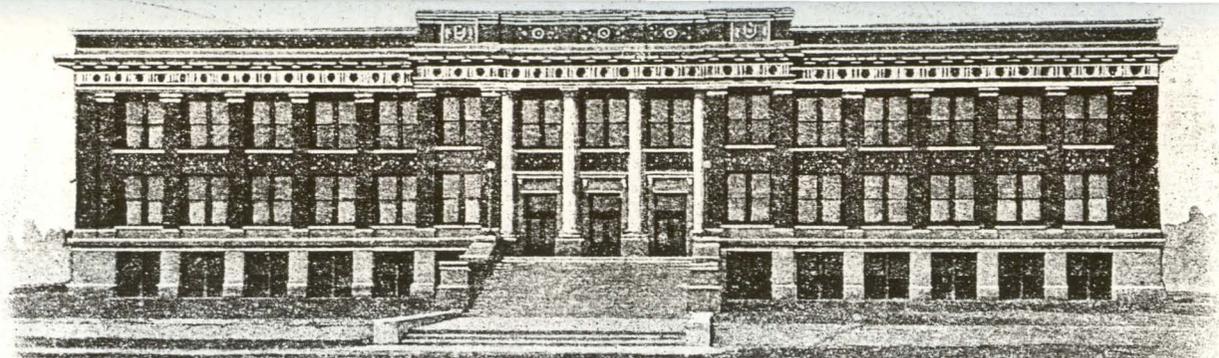
Having completed the College Preparatory Course of Study prescribed by the Board of Education,
is hereby declared a Graduate of the Champaign High School, and is entitled to this

Diploma

In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto affixed our names at Champaign, Illinois,

this third day of June, A. D. 1927.





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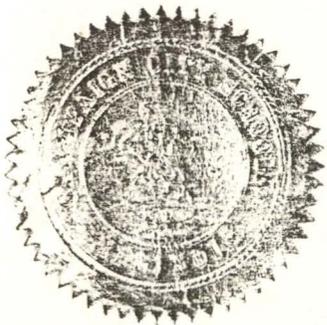
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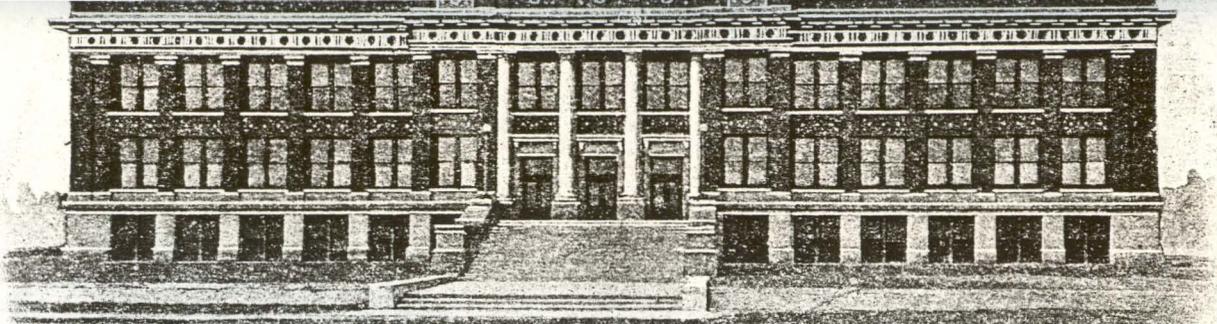
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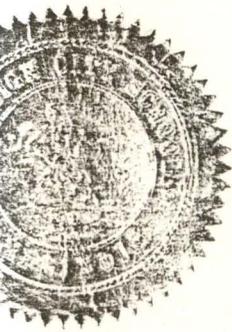
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"Not for School, but for life, we learn."

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.



THIS CERTIFIES
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and by her attainments and correct deportment is entitled to receive this

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M. Moore, A. M. Supt.

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HONOR CHARTER MEMBERS. Four charter members of the local Alpha Kappa Alpha alumnae chapter, Epsilon Epsilon Omega, were honored at the Founders Day celebration of the sorority in the Champaign Holiday luncheon. At far right is the Central Region

News-Gazette Photos by Robert K. O'Daniell
president, Mrs. David Haley, St. Louis, Mo. With her are the charter members, from left, Mrs. Cecil Pope, Champaign; Mrs. Wilbur H. Johnson, Decatur; and Mrs. Paul Brightwell and Miss Helen Hite, both of Urbana.

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Illinois trustee Judith Ann Calder

Illini

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that now finds itself grappling with questions of race and job opportunities.

Illinois last month went outside to hire a white head coach for the men's basketball team, Florida's Lon Kruger. It passed over a longtime assistant who is black, Jimmy Collins.

Collins did wind up as the head coach at Illinois-Chicago, although that program is not as prestigious as the program at Illinois. Collins will get a raise over his previous salary, but will earn about one-fifth of Kruger's pay.

An Illini assistant for 13 years, Collins does not have any head-coaching experience—but neither did Tepper when he was promoted from defensive coordinator to head coach at Illinois. The two jobs opened under different athletic directors.

Currently, Illinois has no black head coaches in its 17-sport program; the only minority is director of gymnastics Yoshi Hayasaki. The school has had just one black head coach, when Perry Hite ran its volleyball program for two seasons two decades ago.

Athletic Director Ron Guenther expresses concern over the issue and maintains that every attempt was made to find a minority basketball coach, but he said that the best applicant simply ended up being white. Along with Chancellor Michael Aiken, he denies any racial bias.

"We would like to have a [black] presence among the head coaches," said Aiken, who is responsible for athletics. "It is not indifference or lack of effort."

Still, some observers see the move as indicative of the department's overall record on hiring minority head coaches. They had hoped that an African-American would be

specially because baseline of several college with significant minority athletes.

for the University of Illinois to have a color," said trustee Judith Ann Calder of who believes minority athletes would be more role models. "It didn't happen and I was disappointed in that."

noted that Illinois is among the Big Ten minority assistant coaches, an achievement called "commendable." She stressed, that the process should carry over into hiring.

us that we're ready and willing to do it said. "When the next time comes we hope we grasp that."

eral, I don't think they have made enough of an effort to recruit black coaches," said Ken Boyle, a former chairman on the school's Board of Trustees. "More could be done."

Boyle said that athletic administrators agree on the importance of hiring more minority head coaches. However, he added, "I don't think they've really done anything either."

A survey of Big Ten schools revealed:

■ Aside from Illinois, Indiana, Purdue and Wisconsin also are without any black head coaches; four conference schools have one black head coach, while three have two black head coaches.

■ More than 20 percent of 32 Illinois assistants are black, second only to Purdue.

■ The Big Ten ranks with conferences such as the Pac-10 and Southeastern Conference in hiring minority head coaches, but lags behind other major conferences in terms of full-time assistants. It has 4.5 percent black head coaches and 15.4 percent black assistants.

The issue is not unique to Illinois or to the Big Ten. Only seven of 108 Division I-A football schools have African-American head coaches, according to Black Coaches Association figures

issued earlier this year, while 69 of 305 men's basketball teams have African-Americans leading their programs.

Boyle suggested more "pro-active" searches at Illinois, perhaps by retaining a head-hunter and mandating that the list of finalists include minorities. Said Boyle: "There are qualified black coaches out there. I think, quite frankly, that Jimmy Collins is one of those people."

Representatives of the Rainbow Coalition and the Black Coaches Association believe Illinois was too restrictive in its criteria for a new basketball coach. BCA Executive Director Rudy Washington said he never had heard of seeking out Final Four experience, as Illinois did.

Only two active black coaches, Nolan Richardson at Arkansas and John Thompson at Georgetown, fit that description. Neither is about to switch jobs.

"We don't expect black men and women to get every position, but we do want them to get every consideration," said Charles Farrell, national director of the Rainbow Commission for Fairness in Athletics. "Schools should not be so narrow."

Farrell also suggested that athletic directors take good looks at assistants. That, of course, would make many more blacks eligible.

"You can't say that being an assistant is a liability," he said. "To be standoffish about it is stupid and limiting."

Former Penn State assistant Jerry Dunn, for example, was successful in his first season as the Nittany Lion head coach. On the other hand, Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany points out that assistants in their first head-coaching jobs naturally have lower success rates than experienced head coaches who switch jobs.

Illinois Chancellor Aiken conceded that "we have not achieved the success [in black hiring] in athletics that I hope we would have in the future."

Still, he said, "We haven't scored yet, but I think we will." Guenther does not dispute that blacks may have trouble working their way up. Indeed, he said that it can be difficult to find qualified black applicants precisely because they have had trouble gaining experience. "The pool is shockingly and disturbingly small," he said. "The challenge is to get more diversity in the pool."

Guenther denies he created criteria too stringent to include black applicants, and he insists Illinois was flexible in its search. He said both Collins and at least one other black head coach, almost certainly Tulane's Perry Clark, were finalists—even though neither fit Guenther's preference for a head coach with Final Four experience.

Guenther also noted Illinois faced some obstacles from the Black Coaches Association. While Collins was still in the mix, other BCA members were hesitant to show interest.

Washington noted such a policy is "understood" among association members. Washington said Illinois should have eliminated Collins from consideration if it knew that he would not get the job, then approach other BCA coaches.

But Guenther said he just picked the best available candidate. Kruger took Florida to the 1994 Final Four.

"You've got to look at opportunities as they arrive," Guenther said. "I went to hire the best basketball coach I could. We are trying to put championship teams together."

Illinois believes it eventually will become easier to hire black head coaches. The school has made special efforts to identify potential assistants who are black, especially by tracking former players.

Said trustee Susan Gravenhorst, who chairs the board's athletics committee: "Everybody would like to have better representation of minorities, but it doesn't always work out that way."

Black coaches by conference

The issue of minority hiring for college sports concerns not only the Big Ten but conferences nationally.

BLACK HEAD COACHES	
In percent by conference	
Pac-10*	4.9%
SEC**	4.6
Big Ten	4.5
ACC	2.8

BLACK ASSISTANT COACHES	
In percent by conference	
SEC**	20.7%
ACC	18.4
Pac-10*	16.9
Big Ten	15.4

*UCLA not included
**South Carolina not included

*Margaret Hite Smith
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Neiber*

GIVE HER A HAND

Karol Kahrs, longtime Illinois associate athletic director, has been selected as president of the National Association of Collegiate Women Administrators (NACWA) for 1999-2000. As president-elect, Kahrs will serve on the NACWA board of directors. Kahrs has been with the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics since 1974 as primary women's administrator.

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Illini pioneer to step aside

■ Determined Kahrs driving force behind UI women's athletics

By **LAURA WEISSKOPF**
News-Gazette Staff Writer

CHAMPAIGN — What a week of losses for the Illini.

On Monday, Karol Kahrs — the administrator responsible for creating and developing the UI's women's intercollegiate athletics program — announced her retirement, effective Aug. 31.

"Dr. Karol Kahrs has been one of the cornerstones of the University of Illinois athletic program and has made a

profound and significant contribution not only to Fighting Illini athletics, but to the development and evolution of women's intercollegiate athletics nationwide," UI athletic director Ron Guenther said.

Kahrs was hired to build the women's program in 1974. In that year, she hired seven coaches for seven sports — basketball, volleyball, tennis, track and field, golf, swimming and gymnastics — on an \$83,500 budget.

Today, the women's program has 10 sports (including its newest member of the family, softball).



KAHRS

In 1985, she was named associate athletic director and continued as the senior women's administrator until 1998. That was a long way from being a physical education instructor, her first position at the UI (1966).

In 1993, Kahrs was awarded an honorary varsity 'I' for her service to Illinois athletics.

"Being an integral part of the University of Illinois for

the past 36 years has afforded me the opportunity to not only serve a great institution, but to make a difference in the lives of students and professionals in athletics and higher education,"

Kahrs said. "I am proud to have spent my career at Illinois and have always enjoyed the support to administer a program with honesty and integrity.

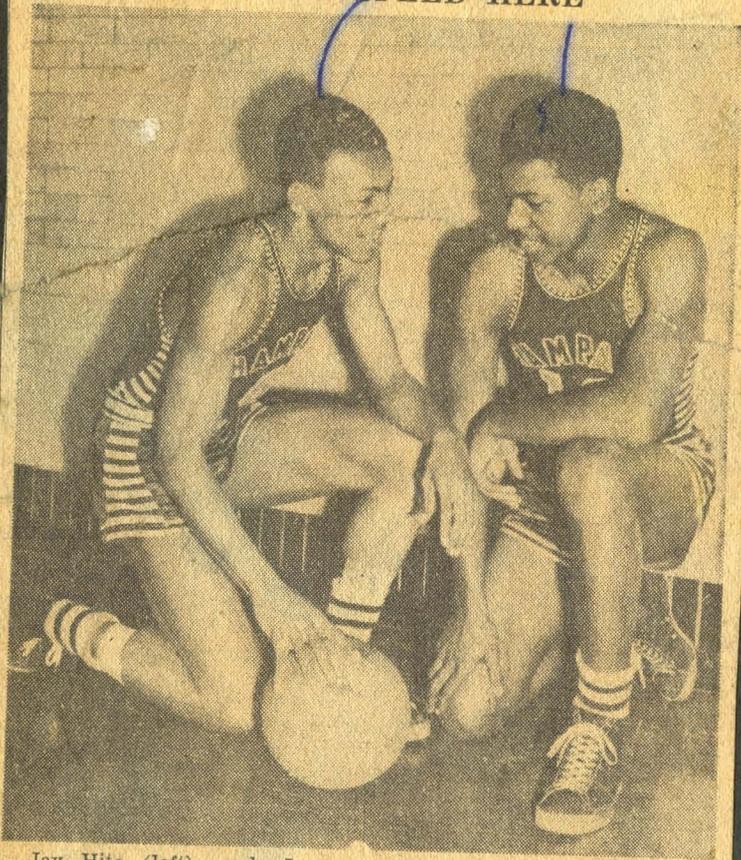
"... I believe the best is yet to come for Illinois athletics."

Kahrs also was active on the national scene. She is the immediate past president of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators.

Kahrs also served as the first chairman of the Big Ten Women's Athletic Administrators from 1974 to '76.

For the past two years, she has worked in the Development Office. Among her accomplishments was securing the principal funding for the Eichelberger Softball Field project.

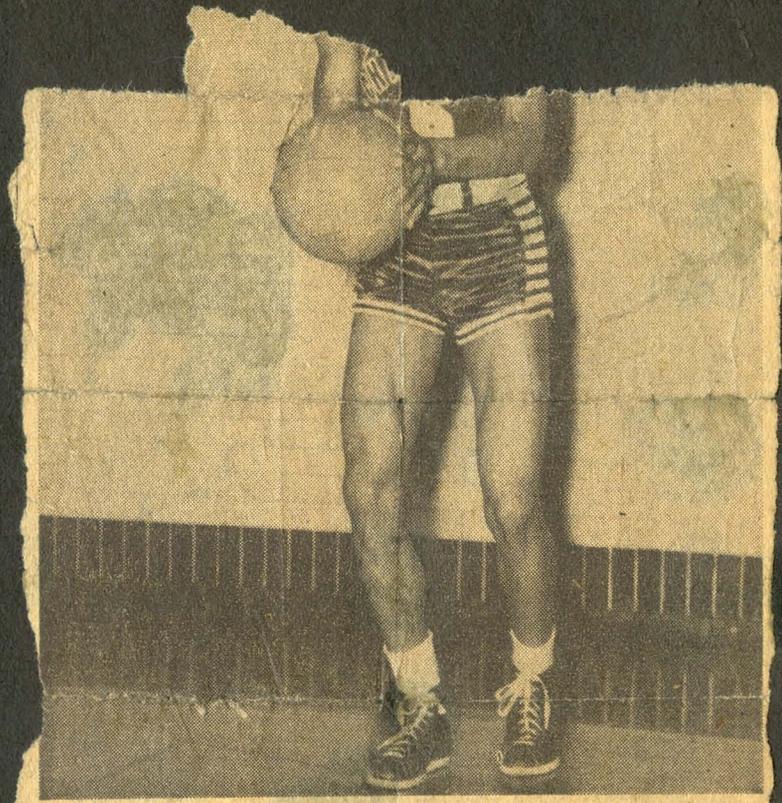
LOTS OF SPEED HERE



Jay Hite (left) and Jesse Clements, Champaign's pair of speedy colored cagers, talk over some new tricks to use in the Maroons' two remaining games with Bloomington and Mattoon. Clements, the varsity squad's only sophomore, holds

down a regular starting post at forward. Hite is one of three lettermen on Coach Harry Combes' squad this season and divides time at the guard positions with Chet Trost and Chuck Spencer.

1943



1942 When Coach Harry Combes wants to insert speed and tricky ball-handling into his Champaign cage lineup he usually calls upon Jay Hite, shown above. Hite is a guard and his sparking qualities will likely come in very handy this season. (Courier Staff Photo.)



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Jerry Hata

LES HITE

OPENING THRILLS

THOUSANDS

Les Hite Scores Over Air And For Jitterbugs

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Old Union Law Blocks Les Hite's Band Here

Because of an odd union law the appearance of Les Hite's band at the Savoy ballroom Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays has been cut short after one engagement, that last Sunday night. The union's law that has stood for years says an out-of-town band cannot come into a territory, establish residence and solicit business in that locality. And it seems Les Hite's management placed an ad with a trade magazine and gave its Chicago address. President

Harry B. Gray, president of Local 208, went into conference with George "Seth" Harris, manager of the ballroom, and the two made every effort to make an exception in the case of Hite but to no avail. The heads of the union downtown argued that there is danger in breaking a law for any one band for fear that others might ask the same favor. As a result Les Hite will not be able to play thrice weekly dance engagements here at The Parkway as planned.



MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK. - THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
N. B. - Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. FATHER'S OCCUPATION should state CAUSE OF DEATH, if known, in full. OCCUPATION is very important.

V. S. No. 5
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1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Champaign

STATE OF ILLINOIS
State Board of Health - Bureau of Vital Statistics

COUNTY CLERK'S RECORD

Registration Dist. No. 89
Primary Dist. No. 3058

STANDARD
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Township or Road Dist. _____

County, Town or Village _____

City or Champaign

No. 908 W Hickory St. 3

Registered No. 62

2. FULL NAME Luster Johnson

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. SEX Male
4. COLOR OR RACE White
3. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Married

14. DATE OF DEATH Mar 14 1917
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6. DATE OF BIRTH July 10 1867
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Feb 10 1917 to March 14 1917

7. AGE 49 yrs. 8 mos. 4 ds.
If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. OR _____ min.?

that I last saw him alive on March 14 1917 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7:20 P.M.

8. OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Janitor
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Bank

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Tuberculosis

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Virginia

- About 10 months (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

10. NAME OF FATHER Spencer Johnson

Contributory (Secondary) _____ (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Virginia

(Signed) H. E. Rowan, M. D.

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Martha Henderson

(Address) 112 N Walnut St

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Virginia

Date 3-14 1917 Telephone 1470

14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)
At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.

(Informant) Lila B Johnson

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____
Former or usual residence _____

(Address) 908 Champaign

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Mt Hope cemetery DATE OF BURIAL March 16 1917

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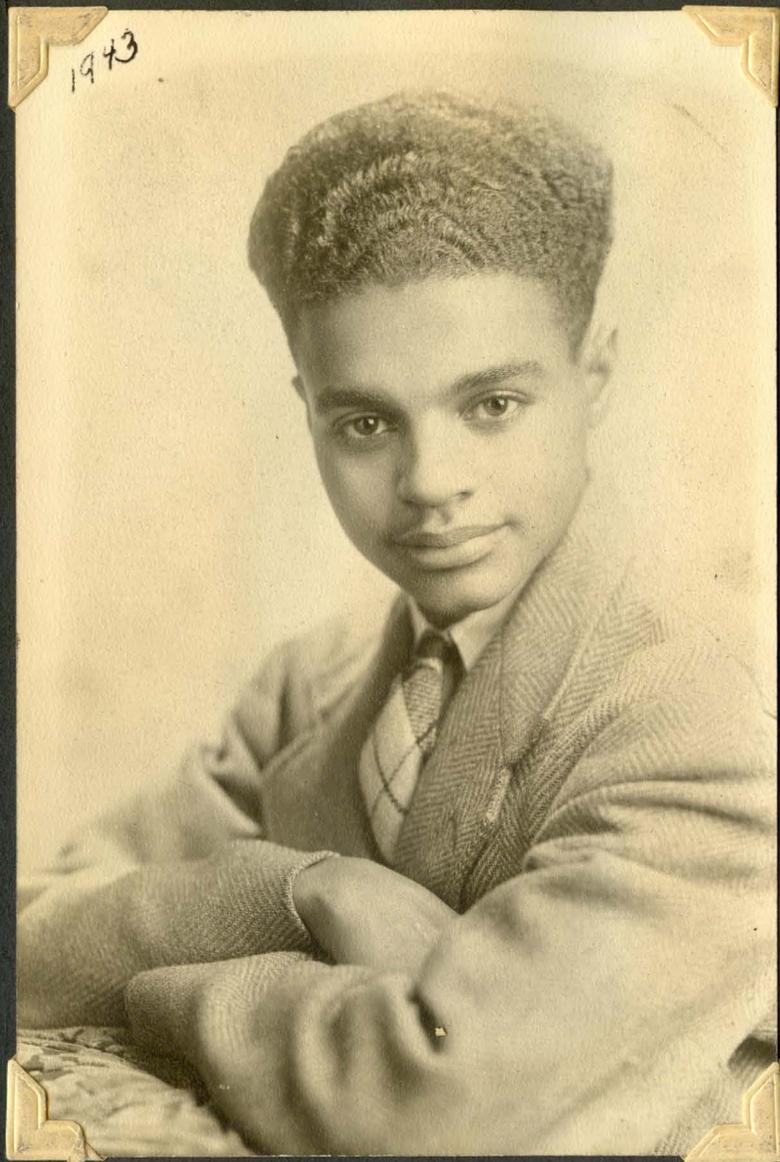
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I, DENNIS R. BING, duly elected, qualified and acting County Clerk of Champaign County, Illinois, and keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record of DEATH of LUSTER JOHNSON.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20TH day of JUNE, A.D. 1917.

Dennis R. Bing
County Clerk

BY Ree Ann Clingman
Deputy County Clerk



Malcolm Green



Romeo Green

Margaret Hite List of Items

Diplomas:

Catherine Lyla Brownell

Marian Rose Johnson

Helen Martha Johnson

Marriage Certificate

Lester Johnson

Lyla Brownell

Death Certificate

Lester Johnson

Helen Hite

Certificate of Membership

AKA - Gamma Chapter

Certificate of Membership

AKA - Charter Member

Epsilon Epsilon Gamma

Certificate of Marriage

Edward Benton

Lyla Johnson

Certificate of Recognition

50 yrs - Salem Baptist

1887 - 1937

B.A. Degree to Marian Rose

Johnson

Death Cert. Helen Hite



Margaret (Vita) Smith



Margaret Hite

Seated L - R:

Lucille Clark

Helen White

Jessie Simmons?

Hattie Anderson

Levada Bowles

Salem's Gospel Chorus

Back Row

Willie Mae Peckus, Pianist

Mrs. Lila Benton

Mr. Edward Benton

?

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→ Helen Johnson's
Mrs. Burton
Mr. Burton

Margaret's mother + grandparents

Marion Waring 3/4/88

Marion Rose Johnson Duma Waring, 78, of Augusta, Ga., formerly of Champaign, died Jan. 19, 1988, at home.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. March 19 at All Saints' Episcopal Church, St. Louis, the Rev. Emery Washington officiating.

The body was donated to the Medical College of Georgia.

Mrs. Waring was born July 23, 1909, at Champaign, a daughter of Luster Jay and Lila Brownwell Johnson. She married Morrison Archie Dumas. She later married J. Phillip Waring. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, John Morrison Dumas of St. Louis, Mo.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a niece, Margaret Hite Smith of Champaign; a nephew, Luster Jay Hite of North Hollywood, Calif.; nine grandnieces and grandnephews; and six great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister and a son.

Mrs. Waring was a graduate of Champaign High School and the University of Illinois. She was retired from the National Girl Scout Office.

She was a 55-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and received the Eleanor Roosevelt Medal of Honor, the sorority's highest award, in 1968. She served as the sorority's national program chairman. While serving as president of Gamma Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, she helped the chapter participate actively in the civil rights movement.

During the 1960s, Mrs. Waring was named a Citizen of the Year by the St. Louis Argus newspaper for her work developing youth activities as a Girl Scout staffer. She was a community relations consultant for the National Girl Scout Office in New York City in the 1970s.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or an organization of the donor's choice.

THIS CERTIFIES

THAT

Edward T. Benton

Lila B. Johnson

AND

of Champaign
State of Illinois

of Champaign
State of Illinois

WERE UNITED IN



At Champaign Illinois

According to the ORDINANCE OF GOD and the Laws of the State of Illinois, on the twenty-eighth day
of November in the Year of OUR LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and eighteen

WITNESSES

Mrs. Marguerite Jones.
Clay Brown

A. J. Jackson. pastor
of A. M. E. Church

THIS CERTIFIES
THAT

Mr. Lester J. Johnson
of *Champaign*
State of *Illinois*

Miss Lyla Brown
of *Champaign*
State of *Illinois*

AND

WERE UNITED IN

Solely Matrimony



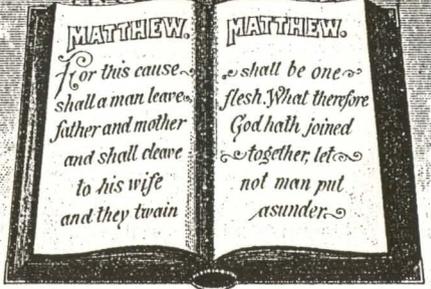
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ORDINANCE OF GOD

At *Urbana*
and the Laws of the
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LORD *One Thousand*
Hundred
Rev. G. A. Turner
Urbana Ill.

Witnesses
Mrs. Rosa C. Dyer
Miss Maggie Townsend



Swingdom's Second City Looks for Banner Year as Band Field Thins Out Leaving Only a Handful for the Home Stretch—Showmanship to Decide Issue as Town Prepares to Pick Its Champion—Fuller, Atkins and Fambro Due for Breaks in '41 Which Will See Hines Back on Top.

By LUTHER HILL

CHICAGO, Jan. 9—Red Saunders, whose solid groove tub beating at the head of the fast swinging Club DeLisa combo is winning him national recognition as a hideshow, and personality packed Les Hite, California's gift to swing whose opening at the local Parkway Ballroom this week put this hard-hearted town in a rage of musical rapture,

room as the most promising of Chicago's current band crop who start the new year with high hopes of swingistical success and a place in the nation's musical heart.

SWINGDOM'S SECOND CITY

Though never considered a prominent cuddling spot for those whose eyes gleam with the starry light of musical aspirations, swingdom's second city which saw the rise of adopted sons Cab Calloway, King Oliver and Louie Armstrong as well as Pittsburgher Earl Hines, looks on 1941 as an appropriate time for its theatrical blossoming. With Floyd Campbell dominating the "gig" or dance field and King Kolax reigning as Savoy house band, the town's many embryo combos have eliminated themselves quite amiably.

SHOWMANSHIP IS FACTOR

With Saunders and Hite getting top rating from a point of showmanship as well as appreciation of the changing musical trend, others who may survive the passing of the jitterbug into oblivion are the Terrace's Walter Fuller and the Swingland's Boyd Atkins, both seasoned combos who, despite their solid musicianship, lack the swingistical razzle dazzle which will be the deciding factor in this year's

Negro Swingster Achieves Success, Returns to Play in Twin Cities

April 25 1942

By JIM MESIROW '42

More than 15 years ago a colored youth with an intense interest in an alto saxophone used to play for student dances here. He lived in Champaign, where he was born, until a vaudeville act took him to California. He decided to stay and organize his own band. That was in 1925, when the youth was 18 years old.

Today, the young Champaign boy is scheduled to go into the famed Golden Gate ballroom in Harlem in June, his third engagement there. And he will start recording for Decca next month. He is the discoverer of Benny Goodman's great drummer and vibraphone player, Lionel Hampton; Jimmy Dorsey's great Negro vocalist until recently, June Richmond; and Duke Ellington's trombone player, Lawrence Brown.

The name of the young colored boy, now in his 30s, is Les Hite. Last night he returned to his home town for the second time in those 15 years to play at the Sigma Alpha Mu spring formal. A brother, Ernie, is porter there; another brother, Bill, is porter at Alpha Delta Phi.

"It's sure swell to be back," Les said last night. "Illinois is the greatest school in the world. But the old school let me down last year to the tune of \$30, when they lost to Southern Cal. And I'd told everybody how good they were."

Les declared that he wanted to

stay away from California for a year. In his 15 years there he recorded for "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "A Day at the Races," "Cab-in in the Cotton," and "Fools for Scandal." He also appeared in the last two. Les also has done a short, "Murder in Swingtime."

For two years Louis Armstrong, probably the greatest Negro trumpet player who ever lived, was a member of Les' band. And Eddie Anderson, better known as "Rochester," worked with Les in Los Angeles. They were billed together recently at the Regal theater in Chicago.

And if that were not enough, Benny Goodman's recent hit tune, "Board Meeting," is a Hite composition and arrangement.

Les revealed that among the swing greats he has known and worked with, are Jimmy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Benny Carter, Cab Calloway, Erskine Hawkins, Coleman Hawkins, Mezz Mezzrow, and Woody Herman. Last January during his Golden Gate engagement, Les alternated with Coleman Hawkins, Teddy Wilson, Milt Hirth, Claude Hopkins, and Harlan Leonard.

"Yes sir," reiterated Les, the Champaign boy and Urbana high school graduate, "Illinois is the greatest school in the world. I tell everybody about it wherever I go. And it's sure swell to be back."

Celebs Witness Gay Night Here

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- ⑪ 2-Les Newman - 1949 — 1950 last year
- ⑫ First Debutante Cotillion 1974
- ⑬ Susan Smith -
- ⑭ Margaret Smith - 1970-71
- ⑮ (Jerry David) - Rosalyn Morley Hite
(Home coming queen competition) ~~1968~~ 1969
✓ the Home coming queen - (C first name)
- ⑯ 1 picture 3x5 (Margaret + Al Alexander)
- ⑰ 9" bit - Ernie Hite + tribute
- ⑱ 2 8 1/2 x 11 Jay Hite w/ drums
- ⑲ 1 8 1/2 x 11 " " w/ Ray Milton
- ⑳ Tribute to Marion Johnson - Drama - Waring
- ㉑ St. Luke C M E Youth Choir
- ㉒ Lucretia Pearson - Pom Pom Girl - Centennial
- ㉓ Total Membership of Gamma Upsilon Psi Society
- ㉔ 4x6 = Jerry's daughters
- ㉕ Les Hite Band

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Eddie Gray (near)
Norman Loukford, Jay Hite Ted Combs Leocalia ^{Speed} / Kenning
↓ Voices
Trombone
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Cotillion Balls: Programs
1974, 1976, 1977, 1981 + 1985

Personal Best

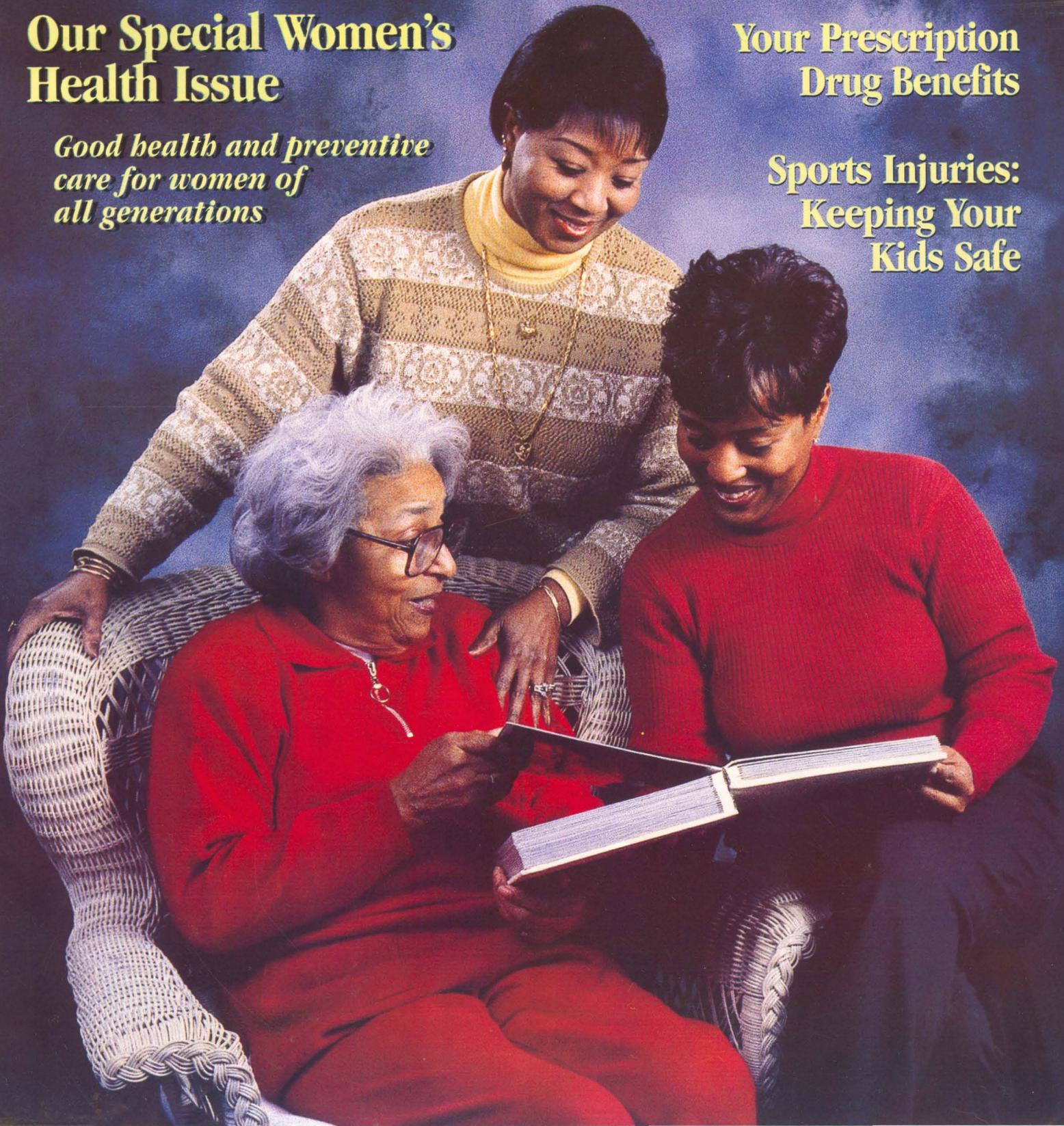
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Our Special Women's Health Issue

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Sports Injuries: Keeping Your Kids Safe



PROGRAMME

Presiding M-Cee

Bruce D. Nesbitt

Welcome.....Elzie Howell

Innvocation.....Rev. Ernest Hite Jr.

Personal Tribute/Reflections.....Antonio Zamora

Statement/Award Presentation.....Royalettes #2

Special Musical Tribute Selection for Mr. Hite Sr.

Personal Statement.....Rev. Ernest Hite Jr.

SPECIAL MUSICAL SALUTE TO ERNIE

BY FORMER ASSOCIATE MUSICIANS

coordinated by

Gerald "Candy" Foster---Russell Cheatham

Dancing to Follow

A SPECIAL THANKS to Candy who magnified a concept for a friend into a befitting reality appropriate to bring us together for so special an occasion.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT to the Regalettes, a local Social-Civic organization whom have adequately served as our hostess on this auspicious occasion and the many others, too many to name, for their contributing efforts for a friend to all the community at large. Your support and patronage is appreciated!

YOUR BANQUET TICKET PURCHASED WILL ALSO SERVE
AS YOUR MEAL TICKET TO BE COLLECTED
AS DINNER IS BEING SERVED

RETAIN IT!

-COCKTAILS-4PM--DINNER 5PM-

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-TOMATO JUICE-

-MIXED GREEN SALAD-

-BAKED HALF CHICKEN-

-BUTTERED GREEN BEANS-

-BAKED POTATO-

-APPLE/PEACH TARTS-

BEVERAGES

It is wished in advance that all the attending
anticipate and enjoy this special November 3rd

The Coordinating Committee

RECREATION COMMISSION HOLDS FINAL COMMUNITY FIELD MEET



Last community field day sponsored by the recreation commission for Champaign-Urbana youngsters who participate in the summer playground program was held in Hessel park Tuesday. Eight parks were repre-

sented in the contest, with Douglas the winner. Robert Harmison, park recreation director, is shown watching the start of a 120-yard relay as William Fuzak, athletic director, fires the gun. (Courier Staff Photo.)

SATURDAY RITES PLANNED FOR MRS. BENTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Lila Benton, 77, of 510 East Washington street, who died Thursday morning, will be conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday from Salem Baptist church with Reverend W. H. Donaldson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Mrs. Benton, a life-long resident of Champaign, attended Champaign schools and was the first colored person ever to be graduated from Champaign high school. She received her diploma in 1891.

Mrs. Benton was born June 15, 1872, the daughter of James and Sarah Bromwell of Champaign. She married Luster Johnson, who preceded her in death in 1917. Their two children, Mrs. Helen Hite, 510 East Washington street, and Mrs. Marian Dumas of St. Louis, Mo., survive.

Mrs. Benton married Edward Benton and was preceded in death by him in January, 1948. A stepson from this marriage, Richard Benton of Bloomington, survives. Mrs. Benton also leaves five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Several years ago Mrs. Benton received a certificate as oldest living member of Salem Baptist church which she joined in 1887.

Memorial Gift Given





SECTIONAL WINNERS AT DANVILLE, 1943

Standing left to right: Jim Hershbarger, Jesse Clements, Don Torrence, Capt. Charles Spencer, Don Sudkamp, Bill White, Jack Weise, Chet Trost. Bottom row: Jay Hite, Coach Harry Combes, Moe Dodds, Manager Jim Dusan.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

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To All To Whom These Presents Come, Greeting:

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Helen Hite

a college woman of ability and character is a member of

Gamma Chapter

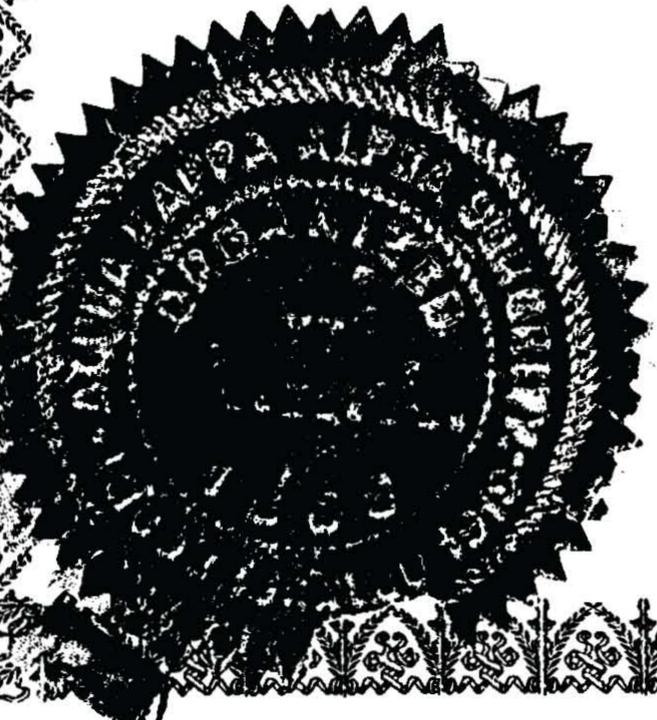
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Having all the rights, honors and privileges appertaining thereto.

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*Spring formal of 1949
Douglas Center*





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Style Review:

front: Mrs Katie Gray
Lois Snell Scott; Willa Mae Wms
and Emma Lidell

Fall registration for adult classes was held at the Douglas Community Center open house Sunday afternoon from four to seven. Among those registering with Mrs Howard Gray, front, hostess are: left to right; Mrs Lois Scott, Mrs Willamae Williams and Mrs. Emma Lidell. Mrs Helen Hite is director of the adult program to be held at the center.

(Photographer Gene Suggs)

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**Women's
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Front Row (kneeling, left to right): Judy Harrison '74, Ann Penstone '74, Hilary Carlson '72, Linda Raap McClenahan '72, Ellen Greaves '72, Lyndell Wilken '72. Back Row (standing, left to right): Judy Ford Nash '73, Sue Taylor Moore '73, Barb Cohen Parrin '72, Peggy Laz Recknagel '72, Ronalyn Terry (Hite) David '72, Marilyn Minneman '73, Corinne Botterbusch '71, Pat Seghers '72, Jean Snuggs '72, Carolyn Bechly '72, Karen Stahl Beauprie '72, Marilyn Gorney '72

Shauna Bezilla (LS, BS, 1993) has relocated to Harbor Springs, Michigan, from Columbia, South Carolina, and has been promoted to the position of regional recruiter for Sundance Rehabilitation Corporation. She is responsible for recruiting physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech-language pathologists for the second largest provider of therapy services in the nation.

Chad Struhs (Kines, BS, 1993) is currently working for the Chicago Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroresearch, an outpatient rehabilitation facility, where he is responsible for the evaluation and treatment of patients with spine and other orthopedic disorders. The institute is located in Columbus Hospital at Lincoln Park and in downtown Chicago, where it is called Loop, Spine, and Sports Therapy.



first officer (copilot). Having just finished training, he is now flying and based out of Houston Intercontinental Airport.



Becky Davis (LS, BS, 1996) is employed at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia, as an Environmental Educator for 4th to 7th graders. She teaches classes about the environment, such as pond and forest ecology, and recreation classes such as canoeing and orienteering. She is pictured with Sheila, a 7-foot long boa constrictor used for wildlife classes. She also works with raptors such as screech owls, great horned owls, and red-tailed hawks.

Bret Kroencke (LS, BS, 1996) has been hired by Sagamore Publishing in Champaign last May as a marketing manager. His responsibilities include general marketing and publicity for sports trade books, such as arranging book signings and interviews.

Heather Nelson (LS, BS, 1996) assumed the position of sales manager for Jumer's Castle Lodge in Urbana in June. She dis-

IN HONOR & TRIBUTE to
a Friend & Community servant

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A TRIBUTE TO MARION JOHNSON-DUMAS-WARING

As far as we have any knowledge, man is the only one of all God's created beings, to whom is given the information, that all earthly life must end in death.

The experience and observations of mankind early in life impresses upon man's mind the fact, that death is the common lot of all races.

Of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful is character, and she who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character; she whom we memorialize here at this time, possessed a beautiful character, and lived a beautiful life, she died a beautiful death. She of whom I speak, is the late Marion Waring.

To my mind the highest tribute that can be paid to any woman is that she was loved by her family and friends. Truly, this as the sentiments of all who knew that gallant and noble Christian lady and noble citizen, Marion, Mother, Wife, Aunt, and Civic Leader.

With a lasting gratitude for her exemplary life, her tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good she did, the things she taught, and the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour. She was a heroine for God, possessed with the Abrahamic type of faith, filled with the spirit of her Christ, she was a friend to all; free from deceit, and met all with a kindly smile.

She was a hard worker. She sought to help and encourage all who needed such. She was always busy, and ever alert to find something to do, or a word to encourage.

Such steady grind, and constant work wore down her body, her physical, mental strength weakened, and affliction fell upon her, tired and weary, she took to her bed, there patiently, yet often in pain and misery she waited, happily and good natured on the orders from her Christ, who she served so devotedly until Marion's spirit-filled soul took its flight across death's stream where at this moment she rests from her labor; but her memory will ever live in the hearts and minds us who knew and loved her.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Humblely submitted by the family of Marion Waring.



By authority of the Board of Trustees of the
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and upon recommendation of the University Senate
Marian Rose Johnson
has been admitted to the Degree of
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences
and is entitled to all rights and honors thereto appertaining

Witness the Seal of the University and the signatures of its Officers
this twelfth day of June nineteen hundred thirty-three.

Edward C. Barrett
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