

IN THE REALM OF ...SPORTS...

OZE SIMMONS OF IOWA; A GENUINE ALL-AMERICAN

By Willard Evans (For ANP)

Chicago, Nov. 16, (ANP)—Doff your caps to one Oze Simmons of Iowa, the first genuine Negro candidate for All-American football honors since the days of Brico Taylor and Duke Slater. I say that without reservation, even though the names of Willis Ward, Manuel Rivera, Dave Myer, Fitzhugh Lyons, Benjamin Bell, etc., immediately loom like writing in an azure noonday sky. Good men all, but they lacked the stuff.

Whenever a Negro gridster makes the first team at one of the larger institutions of the Higher Yearning (and since the depression with few jobs for the grads, Yearning is what I mean) it is customary for a certain section of the easily excitable Dusky-American brotherhood to start booming that player as "All-American." Playing with whites on a football team does not necessarily mean that the colored pigskin fonder is the best there is in the nation at that position; it merely means that at his particular school he stands heads and shoulders above all other candidates.

Of the galaxy of sepia stars now ringing in white college welkins, only Simmons at this time merits top honor consideration. The Iowa ace has collected almost as many titles as has Joe Louis. He has been called the Black Bullet, the Hula Hipped Hawkeye, the Sopia Spirte, the Wizard of Oz, the Dancing Dervish, the Ebony Express—not to mention several unprintable things by opposing tacklers who grabbed only great globs of air as the fleet back ghosted by. Following a few moments in the season's opener against Bradley Tech when he lugged the ball only four times for 10 yards, the dusky star has lived up to the predictions made at the start of 1934 following which he was let down by his teammates. A large part of the 20-year-old lad's success comes from the addition of 15 pounds for the current struggle, raising his weight to 185 and caking him harder to stop.

Take a look at his accomplishments prior to Saturday's game with Minnesota:

Against South Dakota—Ran 71 yards for a touchdown on a lateral pass play. Returned a punt 51 yards for another touchdown.

Against Colgate—Ran 63 yards for touchdown after taking lateral. Plunged over for second and winning touchdown. Gained 120 yards from scrimmage.

Against Illinois—Ran 71 yards for touchdown. Gained 192 yards from scrimmage.

Against Indiana—Ran 59 yards on a rain soaked field. Gained 119 yards from scrimmage.

Altogether, prior to the Minnesota game, Simmons carried the ball from scrimmage 66 times for a total gain of 464 yards or an average of seven p.r try. Natural-

ally that excludes punts—and he is probably more dangerous catching a kicked oval than at any other time.

Iowa plays Purdue and Northwestern on successive Saturdays. To date even conservative sports authorities call him the best running back in the middle west. Others say the entire nation. How, I want to know, can Simmons be kept off the nation's first 11 this year.

NOSING AROUND

Satchel Paige, the pitching master, struck our Frank Demaree, Dolph Camilli and Gene Lillard in order in an exhibition game in Los Angeles last week—Fritz Pollard, Jr., son of the former Brown university half-back, planned to enter Illinois U this fall but his flunking certain studies at Brown as a freshman kept him out. Young Fritz is considered almost as good a player as his father.

Oran ("King Kong") Lovett, Chicago night club manager, is thinking of turning professional wrestler in the fortnight—Oscar Rankin, Pacific Coast middleweight who decided Tait Littman at Milwaukee Monday night, is a redheaded sepi—Oze Simmons in high school in Texas held the state 100-yard dash record of 9.8 seconds.

Surrender of Puppet King Arranged for Many Months Ago

Addis Ababa, Nov. 16—ANP—"Surrender" of Dodjasmatch Haile Salassie Gugsu, son-in-law of the Ethiopian emperor, who went to the Italians with 1,500 warriors, instead of being a moral victory as Mussolini would have it believed, was purely the culmination of a bargain arranged with Rome several months ago, it has just been revealed.

Ras Gugsu, who has been made a puppet emperor by Il Duce, had always been jealous of Haile Salassie and his marriage to the Emperor's daughter did nothing to allay his envy. When Italy's determination to attack Ethiopia became clear, Ras Gugsu negotiated with Rome. His "surrender" in the midst of the fighting was stage-managed, and the Ras played his part to perfection. This information was obtained by a correspondent of a London daily paper.

The Emperor, however, feels a good deal of satisfaction at the desertion of Ras Gugsu, for it cleared up a very tense situation in the northern armies. Ras Gugsu and Linn Mas Ras Sioum are life-long enemies. Both are related to the Emperor by marriage. Ras Sioum's daughter having marriage the Crown Prince, and Haile Sal-

Southern Newspaper Apologizes to Man For Race Story

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 16.—The reactionary Birmingham News was forced to apologize for a two-inch streamer headline reading "Negroes Slug Man, Attack Girl" when a vigorous protest was sent the paper by Rev. Stewart Meacham, white pastor of the Dixon Memorial church here.

Meacham attacked the sensational headline of an incident which occurred hundreds of miles away. The charge of rape, he pointed out, was supported only by the testimony of a middle-aged man and a girl who were found alone in a secluded spot known for "petting parties." The two claimed to have been "in conversation" when "robbed and assaulted."

"It is on this type of evidence that you, by interference, slander a fine and noble race of people," Rev. Meacham wrote. "On this type of evidence you feel perfectly free to raise the cry of 'Negro rapist' in our own troubled community."

"The lynch mobs that you so piously decry in your editorials do not bear alone the guilt of mob murder. Every force and instrument that works toward the creation of the lynch mind must share in the guilt."

Commenting on Rev. Meacham's letter, the News was forced to admit the lynch incitement of the handling of the article but put the blame for "the unfortunate occurrence" on "an error in judgment on the part of one of its news editors."

assie Gugsu the Princess. At the death of Ras Kuksa, the little king of the Tigre province, years back, his adopted son, Taile Selassie Gugsu, was promised the kingship but he was done out of it by Ras Sioum. Ras Gugsu remembers this and his hate lingers.

As a general Ras Sioum, who has remained loyal, is the more important. He is more popular and powerful. It is stated that Italian bribes failed to corrupt Ras Sioum, who chastised the Italian emissaries and threw them out. The Emperor knows he will not lose Ras Sioum as long as Ras Gugsu is with Mussolini.

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The projects comprise an expenditure of \$42,388,000 and will be carried on in 19 cities listed as follows:

- Atlantic City, \$1,700,000; Birmingham, Ala., \$2,500,000; Charleston, S. C., \$1,150,000; Cleveland, \$3,650,000; Jacksonville, Fla., \$1,000,000; Louisville, \$700,000; Memphis, \$3,200,000; Miami, Fla., \$1,000,000; Nashville, \$1,500,000; New York City, \$4,700,000; Washington, \$1,600,000; Wayne, Penn., \$300,000; Toledo, \$2,000,000; Evansville, Ind., \$1,000,000; Detroit, \$5,500,000; Atlanta, \$2,515,000; Indianapolis, \$3,348,000; Montgomery, Ala., \$459,000, and the Virgin Islands, \$250,000.

Work has begun on many of the projects and in addition to being primarily for the benefit of Negroes, hundreds of the group are being employed, thus representing one of the few phases of the New Deal Program operating reasonably to the advantage of Negroes.

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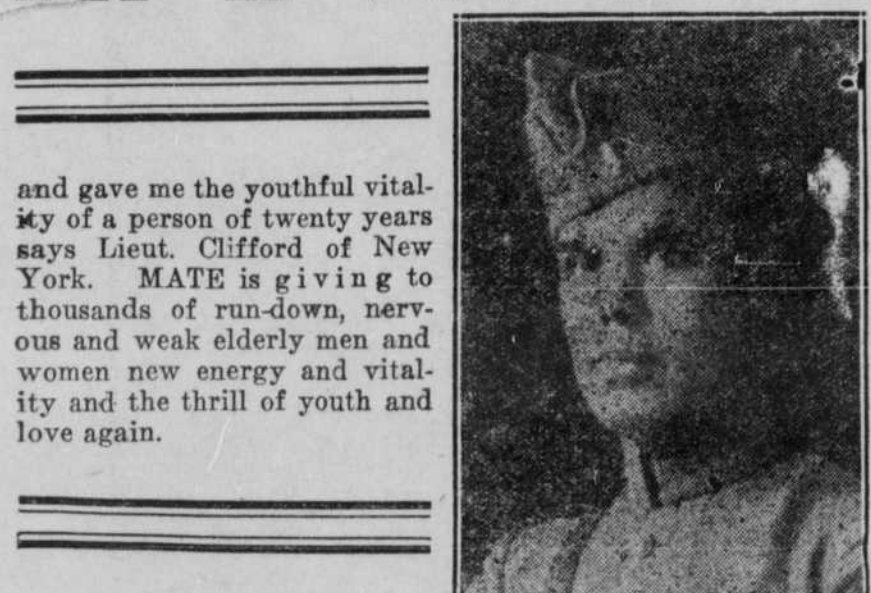
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