

Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

Christine Evans Petty

Class of 1933

Tennis, Basketball, Swimming, Track

Memorials Which Endure

Honoring the outstanding men and women who nourished the Institute's goals and objectives and defended its principles throughout their lifetime, we are aware that while such honors are sometimes encouched in memoirs, in books, and etched on metal plaques, they can, at other times, be warm and informal. Let us assume, then, that the spirit of those we memorialize tonight are here with us, that their families and loved ones share with the alumni throughout the country a day of reminiscence on an unpayable public debt for generations to come.

Some of Tuskegee's All-Time Athletic Greats

1. Mr. Edward H. Adams - Class of 1930: football, basketball, track, baseball
2. Mr. Marvin Fretwell - Class of 1941: track
3. Mr. Frank Jackson - Class of 1934: tennis
4. Mr. Willis Morris - Class of 1950: basketball, football, track
5. Mrs. Christine Evans Petty - Class of 1933: tennis, basketball, swimming, track
6. Mr. Willis Peeks - Class of 1912: basketball, baseball, football
7. Mr. Benjamin Stevenson - Class of 1931: football, track
8. Mr. Elliot Vanzant - Class of 1930: basketball, football, track
9. Mr. Fred Thomas - Class of 1947: track
10. Mr. Millard Wooten - Class of 1927: football

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TRIUMPHED IN NATIONAL A.A.U. TRACK MEET



Members of Tuskegee's women's track team which won the annual A.A.U. meet at Atlantic City. Left to right, kneeling: Rowena Harrison, Lacy Newell, Hester Brown and Leila Perry. Misses Harrison, Newell, Brown and Perry compose the Tuskegee "A" Relay team which broke the world's record in the 400-meter event. They set a new record of 50.3 seconds. Standing, Margaret Barnes, Lillie Purifoy, Alice Coachman, Hattie Hall and Christine Evans Petty.

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SPORT FLASHES

By "HOGGIE" ADAMS

Ray "Sugar Man" Robinson is to meet the lightweight champion of the world, Sammy Angott, on July 31 in New York's Madison Square Garden, in a non-title bout. This is the bout that is to put "Sugar Man" back into active duty in the fistical world after a slight rest. Robinson is getting this bout, after receiving the well-known run around by the World's welterwt. Champion Red Cochrane, with help of a recent ruling by the Navy. It seems that Ray Robinson might be proclaimed the welterweight champion, since the welterweight king is resting on the crown.

Christine Evans Petty, daughter of the soil of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., graduate of Tuskegee Institute and coach of the most outstanding women's track and field team of all times-six times national champions of A. A. U. is dead. And so from our midst goes a great little coach and a soul who had done so much for many girls.

TUSKEGEEANS, as I, who knew Christine, knew of her keen interest in the success of her girls and everything connected with her Alma Mater. Yet she died broken-hearted because she was being torn from the thing so dear to her by the powers that be. This has been done recently to so many loyal sons and daughters of TUSKEGEE, but being weak in body it was too much for Christine.

Christine had done a wonderful job as a Coach for the record stands for itself, yet it was appreciated so very little it seemed. However, her girls will not forget her, they'll carry on for her,

and her many schoolmates who have pulled for her and watched her succeed step by step as a coach, will remember her.

There are enough of Coach Petty's girls outstanding enough, for one of them to succeed her. Girls, who know the fundamentals of athletics, as well as how to handle the girls under them. The most outstanding of these young ladies are perhaps Lula Hymes, Mables Smith, and Vesta Crayton. It would be wonderful for one of Christine's proteges to succeed her. WILL IT HAPPEN or will we select some to succeed her because of kinship. This sort of thing would be useless because, there are so many outstanding athletes daughters' of TUSKEGEE.

I agree with my friend; E. O. Jackson, Editor of our neighboring paper the Birmingham World, in his statement that we would like to give our public more news on the Birmingham Black Barons. But it seems that we just can not get any news release from the Black Barons front office.

A swimming club is being organized at the Negro Boys Club for all boys of Birmingham, in the hopes of helping to save boys from the maybe hazard swimming holes in and around Birmingham. Swimming parties will be arranged from this club and we shall go on supervised swimming parties at Camp Margaret Murray Washington. Boys between the age of 7 years and 15 years, may get all necessary information regarding the Boys Club Swimming by contacting Phy. Dir. Delma G. Winston or Supt. E. G. Adams at the Club 412 North 16th Street.