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ELI CAMDEN HENDERSON

HELMS FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME

A TALL OLD MAN with deeply-lined face and a body bent with age slowly ambled into the college president's office last Saturday and laid a paper on the desk which contained his resignation as basketball coach: "I, Cam Henderson . . ."

The move brought to a close an athletic era at Marshall College. Cam Henderson, during his twenty year stay at Marshall, dominated to a great extent the athletic picture. He was once athletic director. He has coached basketball throughout the period. He coached football up until 1949. He served also as baseball coach for many years.

Henderson in 1947 took a "Cinderella" Marshall basketball team to Kansas City and won the national small college championship. He took a Marshall football team to the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Florida.

Cam Henderson tutored players in both sports that carried on in making a name for themselves in the professional ranks. Julius Rivlin, Gene (Goose) James, and others spent a time in the pro basketball ranks. Frank Gatski, Norm Willey, Eddie Ulinski, and others entered the professional football ranks.

An era has ended, but the "Old Man's" influence will remain.

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So Long, Cam

Eli Camden Henderson announced Saturday that he was resigning as head basketball coach at Marshall College, effective June 30 when his present contract expires.

The announcement came from the "Old Man" himself as he sat in his office in the Marshall gymnasium. In a note he had written, he said "I am 65 years old and happy to be retiring in good health, so that I may be able to enjoy the days remaining to me down on the farm where I grew up", near Clarksburg.

With these words, the greatest era in Marshall College basketball came to an end. The word spread "The 'Old Man' has retired." One of the greatest football and basketball coaches of all time had finally succumbed to the enemy of time and called it quits.

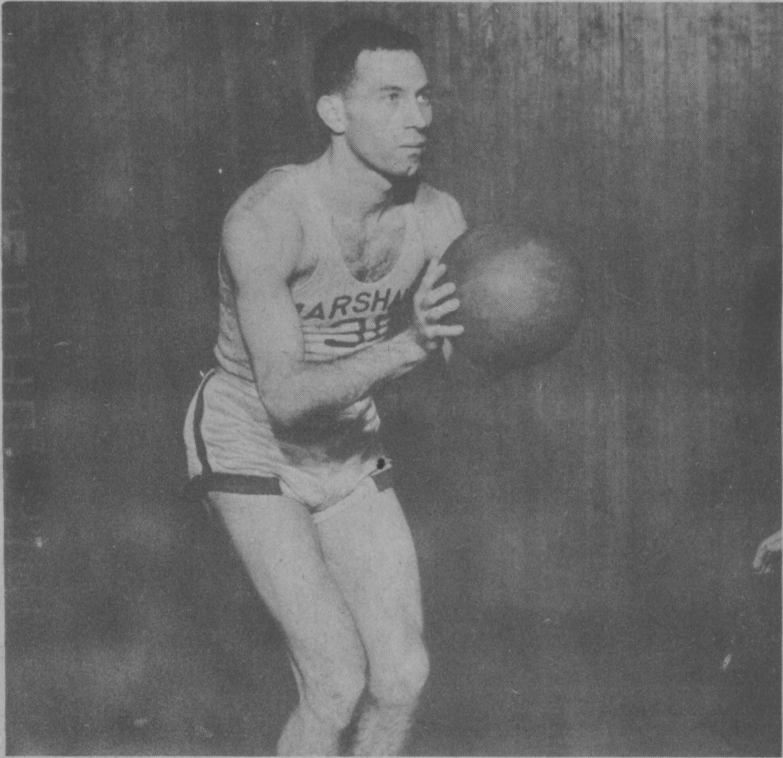
Rumors had been flying thick and fast this past week as to just what happened at Western Reserve. Tales of "incidents" that would probably cause the "Old Man" to retire were offered on every side, but whatever the reason for the action, one thing is sure. A brilliant coaching career has ended. Nothing will be able to over-shadow the job that he has done at Marshall. For twenty-years he has given all that he knew of the game he loved to Marshall and to its students.

His was a name known everywhere in the game. Cam Henderson, originator of the fast break. Cam Henderson, the originator of the zone defense. Cam Henderson, who with this season has won 400 games.

Cam has sent out into the sports world some of its finest players, players who have been learned well the lessons of fundamentals and discipline that he stressed. They have returned time and again thanking him for it.

One of these players will probably return to take the place of the teacher. Marshall teams will probably go on winning, but when the genial "Old Man" sat in his office in a "green and white" jacket and said "I've had enough," basketball at Marshall College suffered a loss it probably never will be able to replace.

"SO LONG CAM".
—HWC—



HENDERSON'S star performers and possible successors ??? Rivlin, left, like Buck Jamison, right, is being considered to re-

place Cam Henderson's vacated coaching spot. "Mighty 31" was the name given former Marshall cage great Jules Rivlin when he



starred as a Big Green cager. Jamison, also a Marshall star, is now coaching at South Charleston High School. "Mr Basketball" or

Rivlin is also coaching at Wheeling McKinley Vocational High. A successor will not be named for sometime.

Rivlin, Jamison Possible Successor
Both Say They Will Accept If Offered Vacated Position

Immediately following the resignation of Cam Henderson on Saturday morning, rumors began to circulate throughout the campus and city as to who would fill the vacated coaching position. Among all the speculation the names of Jules Rivlin and Buck Jamison, two former Marshall cage greats were mentioned as the possible successor to Henderson.

These men were interviewed Saturday afternoon by telephone to see what their reactions would be if they would be offered the open position.

"I'M SORRY to hear that Henderson resigned" said Rivlin after being informed of the fact. When asked if he would accept the Big Green coaching job, the former famous middleman of the Henderson fast-break replied, "Yes, I would accept the position immediately if it were offered to me." Rivlin added, "I'm certainly thrilled to even be considered to fill the position of Cam Henderson."

Speaking to Jamison at his home in South Charleston, he said, "suppose it would be silly for a man in my profession to refuse the job at Marshall and if offered the position I would accept it." Jamison went on to say that, "I consider it a great honor to be considered to replace Henderson."

Currently, Rivlin is coaching at Wheeling McKinley Vocation High School where he has built the small school into one of the Ohio Athletic Conference's powers in the northern panhandle of the state. Rivlin was the former playing coach of the professional Toledo Jeeps.

JAMISON IS presently situated in South Charleston where he has built his cage squad in to one of the Kanawha Valley's powers. In addition to this, Jamison turned out two of Marshall's current sophomore sensations in Cebe Price and Paul Underwood, both ex-all-stars at the KVC school.

According to information received, Robert A. Morris, athletic director, said "It's too early" to hazard a guess at who the new coach for the Big Green cage team might be.

Mr. Morris said that although the agenda for the next Athletic Board meeting is already out, "You can be pretty sure they'll be some talk about the basketball job".

rather than decrease scoring. A rule, he says, similar to the 24-second "non-freeze" rule as used in the professional ranks will be invoked on the collegians.

Henderson's own teams were typical of high scoring colleges. Marshall passed the 100-point mark sixteen times in his last three seasons. The Helms Foundation Hall of Fame mentor holds a view shared with him by many other coaches of modern basketball: "I don't care if the other side scores 99 points, if we can score a hundred."

CAM HENDERSON, according to his own estimate, has used the three-man fast break for "about 25 years." Before that time, he recalls that the "shooting forward" did nearly all the scoring for a team. Scoring was so infrequent that when one team made a basket the other called time out and tried to figure out how the defense had failed.

Guards didn't score at all in the old days, according to Henderson. Ceilings were so low in the old converted gyms that outside set shots weren't even attempted.

CAM'S
CAGE
RECORD

CAM'S CAGE RECORD		
YEAR	WON	LOST
1936	6	10
1937	20	8
1938	29	2
1939	21	5
1940	23	8
1941	15	8
1942	14	9
1943	10	6
1944	15	7
1945	16	8
1946	25	9
1947	32	5
1948	22	11
1949	16	12
1950	15	9
1951	13	13
1952	15	11
1953	20	4
1954	12	9
1955	17	4



IT'S ALL OVER NOW—Coach Cam Henderson is on the extreme right with the 1954-55 squad, his last one at Marshall. The squad finished the season with a 18-4 mark and in winning their 18th game made it win number 400 for Henderson. Only four men of these will be missing from next year's squad and the rest will be on hand to greet a new coach when a successor is named for Henderson.

'OLD MAN' QUILTS AFTER 42 YEARS

Originated 'Break And Zone'; Came To Marshall In 1935

By STEVE POSTI

The "Grand Old Man of Basketball" has resigned.

Basketball coach Cam Henderson resigned his post as head coach at Marshall last Saturday. The resignation was tendered by Henderson to President Stewart H. Smith on Saturday morning. It will become effective June 30, 1955.

Henderson has coached at Marshall for twenty years and is one of the most celebrated mentors in the profession. The 65 year old mentor has been coaching for 42 years, and during that period has been acclaimed national distinction in the world of sports.

HALL OF FAME COACH

Henderson has already been named to the Helms Foundation Basketball Hall of Fame and a bronze plaque bearing his name and face appear in the famed Cow Palace in San Francisco where one of his Big Green squads won the Pepperdine basketball tournament.

Upon graduation from Salem College, where he starred in football, basketball and baseball, Henderson accepted a coaching position at Bristol (W. Va.) high school. It was at Bristol that the "Old Man" originated the zone defense and the fast-break offense for his renowned basketball teams.

CLAIR BEE, famed Long Island University mentor, participated in the game between the Grafton YMCA and the Bristol squad when the zone defense was first used. "Green pine lumber had been used in the floor construction and it was slippery than glass" said Bee. "Both teams were using a man-to-man defense, but found it difficult to keep up with opponents because of the sap from the pine flooring," he added. "When the second half started the Bristol team did not use the man-to-man defense. The players stationed themselves in certain zones which they did not leave until a shot was taken. The new defense was crude but so far as those who played that night were concerned it presented a new development in basketball," Bee continued.

AFTER SIX years at Bristol, the bright young Henderson moved to Shinnston High to coach there for a brief period. He then accepted his first college coaching position at Muskingum College at New Concord, Ohio. With a bright future ahead, Henderson left the little Ohio school to accept the head coaching duties at Davis and Elkins College in the three major sports.

AT D AND E 15 YEARS

It was at Davis and Elkins that Henderson began to gain national recognition for himself and the small West Virginia college. Cam remained at D&E for 15 years. During this period he had established one of the finest coaching records possible.

In his coaching reign at D&E, Henderson's squad met and defeated some of the nations best collegiate teams. Over a span of two years, one of his basketball squads set a new national record winning 40 consecutive games on the hardwood. The long winning skein was stopped by the famed Long Island Blackbirds who later went on to break the national mark by winning 42 straight games. The LIU win streak was



COLLEGE DAYS — Cam Henderson is pictured as he appeared in his college days at Salem College. Henderson graduated from Salem in 1914. There he majored in Physical Education.

then halted by one of Henderson's Marshall squads.

AMONG HIS many other accomplishments at D&E, Henderson's Scarlet Hurricanes defeated such strong powers as Navy, Army, Carnegie Tech, Fordham and West Virginia University on the gridiron. While at Davis and Elkins, he and Pop Warner, one of the all-time football greats, are credited for the origination of the double wing offense in football. Warner at the time was coaching at Temple and the two worked on the new offensive pattern and developed it.

COMES HERE IN 1935

After winning the first state college football championship and then later winning six more at D&E, Henderson decided to move to Marshall College. In 1935, at the age of 42, Henderson accepted the duties of athletic director and head coach of the three major sports at the Huntington college. He replaced the late Roy "Leg" Hawley as athletic director.

In beginning his 20 year reign at Marshall, Henderson's first squads in both football and basketball were not very successful. The Thundering Herd team in 1935 won 4 out of 10 while the Big Green cage squad won 6 out of 16.

After making it through a lowly first year, Henderson began to build a strong hold on the athletic program. In 1936 the University of North Carolina athletic board sought to bring Henderson to the Chapel Hill, North Carolina, campus to assume a vacated coach post when Carl Snively resigned to head for Cornell. Henderson declined the offer in order to stay at Marshall.

MARSHALL, then participating in the Buckeye Conference, began rolling in 1936-37 when the Green cage squad captured the conference championship by compiling a 21-8 record. It was the first championship in the conference for Marshall. During the fall of '36, the Herd improved over their last season as they won 6, lost 3 and tied 1.

HAS UNDEFEATED SEASON

The following fall, Henderson's Herd finished the season undefeated and captured the Buckeye grid crown. Not to be out done, the basketball squad captured their second consecutive championship by finishing their 30

game schedule with 27 wins. During these two cage seasons, the Green was sparked by the all-time great Jules Rivlin.

During the next few years, Marshall did not predominate the athletic conference. The Green went on to win only one more conference championship which came in 1940 when the basketball squad won 26 while losing only 3. The football team also enjoyed a good year when they won 9 and lost two in the 1939 season.

DURING THE next two years Henderson's squads compiled 15 victories and 3 losses in football and in basketball won 30 out of 47. Then the war began to plague the athletic picture at Marshall.

In 1942 the grid squad won only a single game while losing 7 and tying one. The next season, football was dropped from the Marshall athletic program. In the meantime, the cage squads of Henderson were playing better than average ball and during the war period they won 56 games and lost 26.

WINS 200TH IN 1946

In his eleventh season at Marshall, Henderson's basketball teams had already won 200 games in the hardwood courts. His 200th win came in the 1945-46 season when the Big Green had a 24-10 record.

FOLLOWING THE war national recognition began to come to Marshall. During the 1946-47 basketball season, Marshall's Big Green compiled a 32-5 season's record.

Henderson guided the 46-47 squad to two tournament wins, the first being the Mid-West Tournament played in California and biggest of all the coveted NAIB (now the NAIA) at Kansas City.

SPEARHEADING the football squad through a successful season, the Thundering Herd was asked to participate in the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Florida. Playing without Henderson's coaching, the Herd dropped a 7-0 decision to Catawba College in the New Year's Day game. At the time Henderson was grooming the defending NAIB champions for the Los Angeles National Basketball Tournament which they won. Marshall defeated Syracuse University 42-40 to capture the western classic.

Also in that same season, Marshall was on hand to defend their NAIB crown before being nudged out in the second round by San Jose State (California) 73-72 in an overtime period. The 1948 campaign found the Green cagers winning 22 and losing 11.

RESIGNS FOOTBALL POST

At the completion of the 1949 football season, Henderson resigned his post as head coach to devote full time to basketball. During his 15 year period in coaching football at Marshall, Henderson won 62 games, losing 41 and tying one.

NOW THE "Old Man" had only one job—Basketball. Marshall entered the Ohio Valley Conference and was confronted with tough opposition in OVC. From '49 to '53, the Green fared better than average although they were never able to cop the rugged OVC crown.

In 1949 it was believed that Henderson was to move to Loyola of Los Angeles to fill a vacated coaching position. Henderson's



CAM AS A CAGER—The Salem College basketball squad is shown when Cam Henderson played for the Tigers as a forward. In the picture, Henderson is on the extreme right of the front row. During his college days, Henderson was a three sport star participating in varsity football, basketball and baseball.

name appeared on the list of applicants but refused the job and a possible high raise to remain at Huntington.

Finally, in 1953 the basketball picture at Marshall began to brighten as the Big Green canned 20 wins and dropped only 4. It was during this season that Marshall was admitted to the Mid-American Conference.

IN THEIR first season in the rugged MAC, Marshall finished fourth in the eight-team conference.

PLAYS IN THE GARDEN

It was during that season that Henderson realized two of his great desires. The first was to have one of his squad's play in Madison Square Garden and the other to have his Big Green obtain its first major college rating. In making their debut at the famed New York basketball palace, the Green, sparked by all-American Walt Walowac, defeated Iona College 93-81 to give the "Old Man" something to remember.

Last year Henderson's former athletes paid tribute to the aging Big Green mentor when they Nelson Bragg, Harry Douglas, honored Cam with a mammoth testimonial dinner at Huntington's Memorial Field House.

DURING the past cage season, the Green finished a close second in the MAC with a 10-4 record. Miami won the conference title with a 11-3 mark. Marshall finished the season with an overall record of 17 wins and 4 losses.

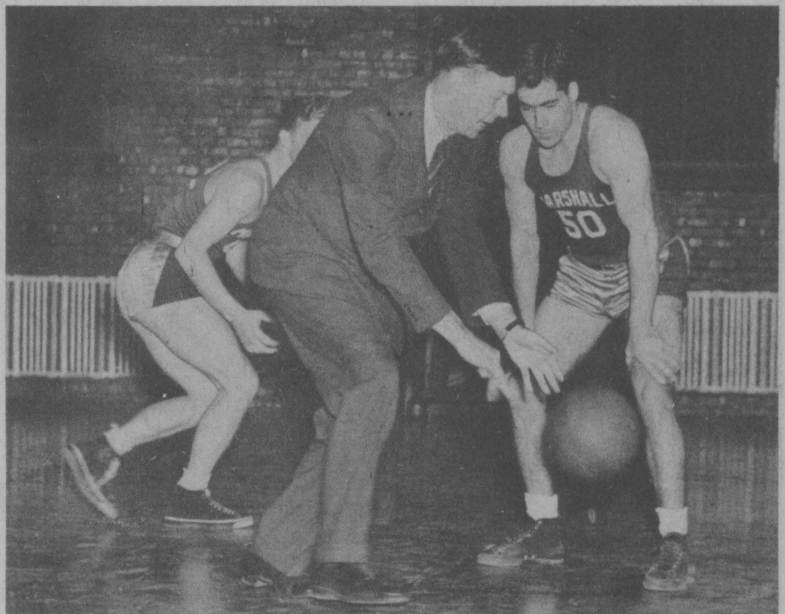
DEFEATS MIAMI FOR NO. 400 In Marshall's last home appearance of the season against Miami, the Big Green spanked the Red-

skin's 89-77 to present the "Old Man" with his 400th basketball win of his career. This is a feat that many college coaches have not accomplished. Henderson's victory total is sixteenth among the nation's active college coaches.

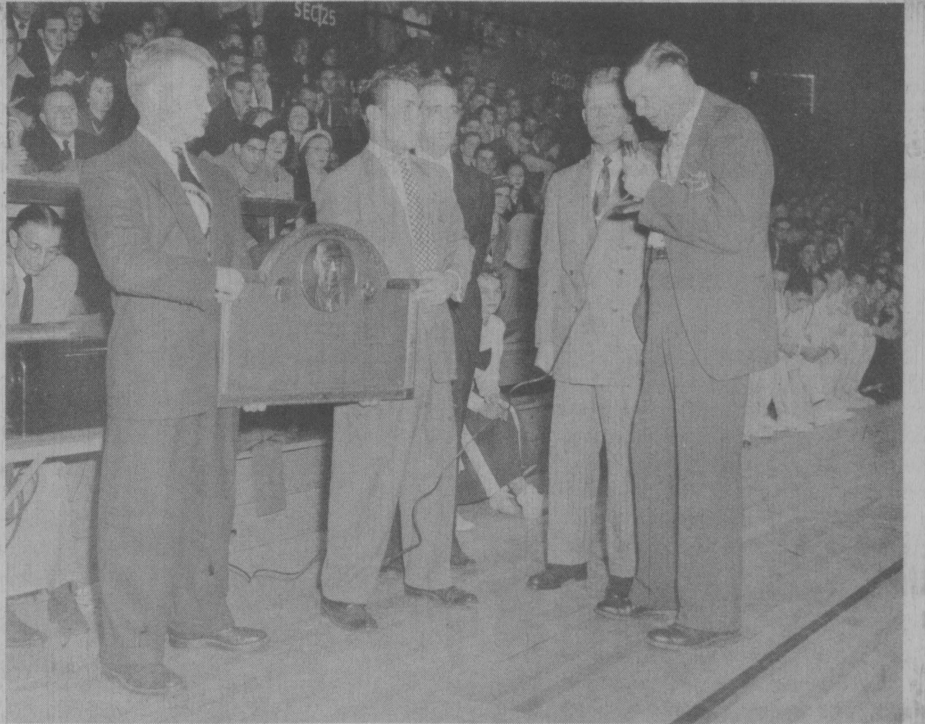
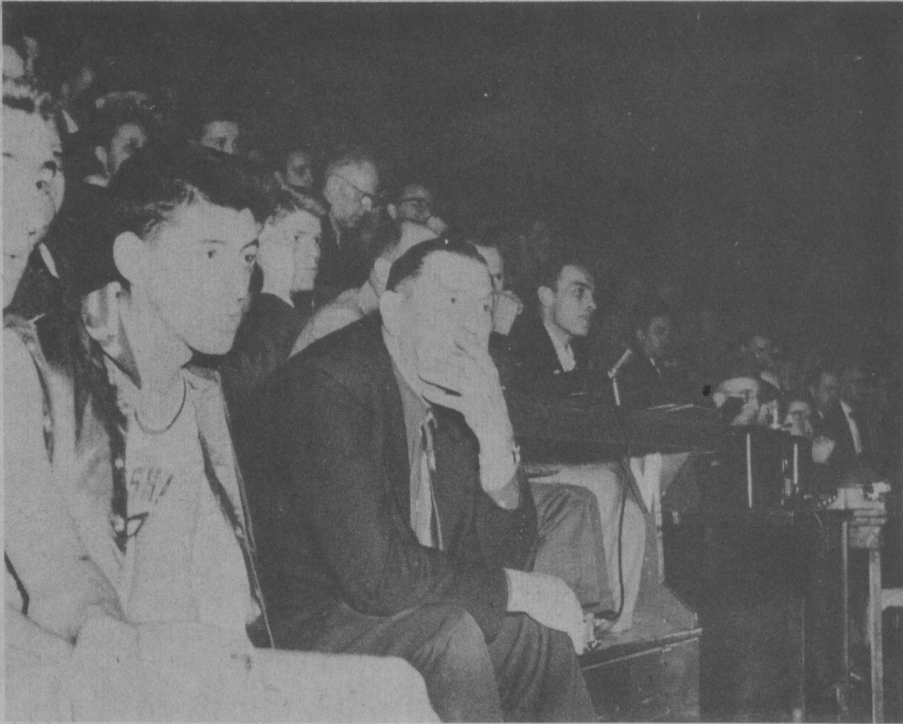
Along with his outstanding coaching ability, the genial grand "Old Man" has turned out many noted athletes. To mention all of them would be a task, but some of the more noted ones are the "mighty 31" Jules Rivlin, Walt Walowac, Gene "Goose" James, Morris Harvey's Eddie King, South Charleston coach Buck Jamison, Andy Tonkovich, and Huntington coaches Spike Underwood, Aldo Paletti, Johnny Cox, Bob Koontz, Ed Lambert, and Babe Mazza.

Other outstanding players to study under Henderson were Big Green grid coach Herb Royer, Sam Clagg, Dan Wickline, Ed Prelaz, Frank "Gunner" Gatski of the Cleveland Browns, Norm Willey of the Philadelphia Eagles, Albie Maier, Sid King, Pud Hutson, Shorty Fields, Dick Sidebottom, Donnie Brown, Red Underwood, Nelson Bragg, Harry Douglas, Bob Anderson, W.V.U.'s Red Brown and many others.

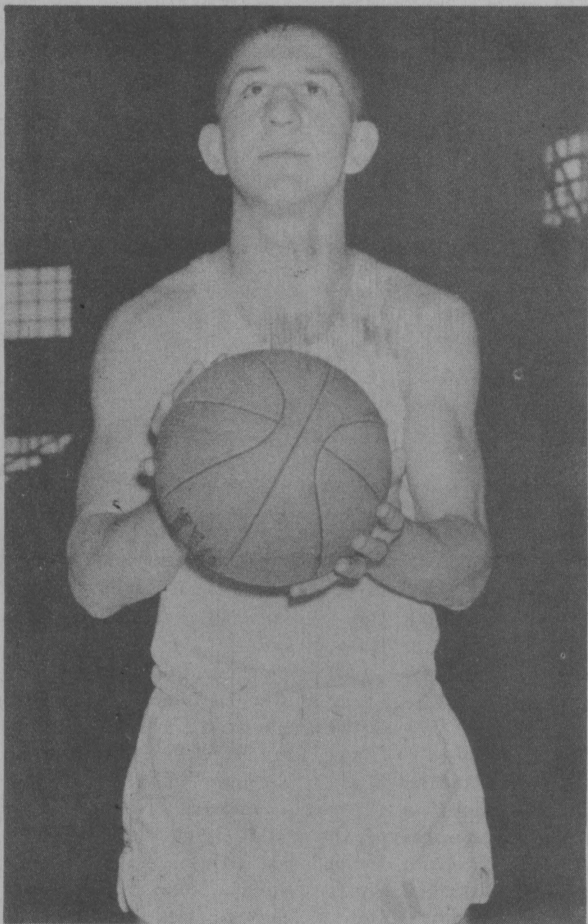
DURING HIS career, Henderson has met some of the toughest teams in the country with his squads. He has played California University, Indiana, Seton Hall, Maryland, Tennessee, Kansas State, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Dayton, Western Kentucky, Army, Navy, Carnegie Tech, Fordham, West Virginia University, Xavier, Wichita, Louisville and numerous others.



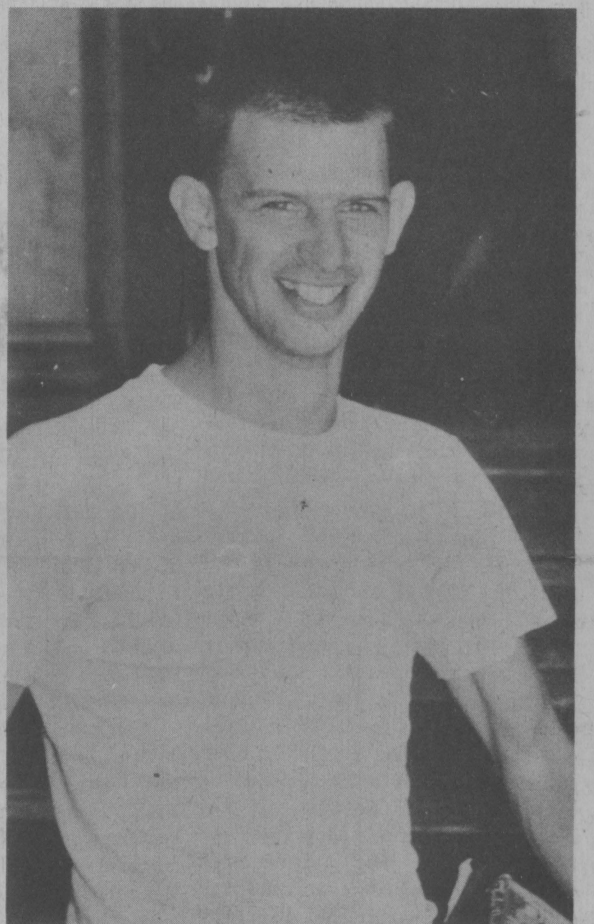
NOW AS A COACH—Taking over the duties of athletic director and coach of three major sports, Henderson is shown above instructing a Big Green player the correct procedure of passing.



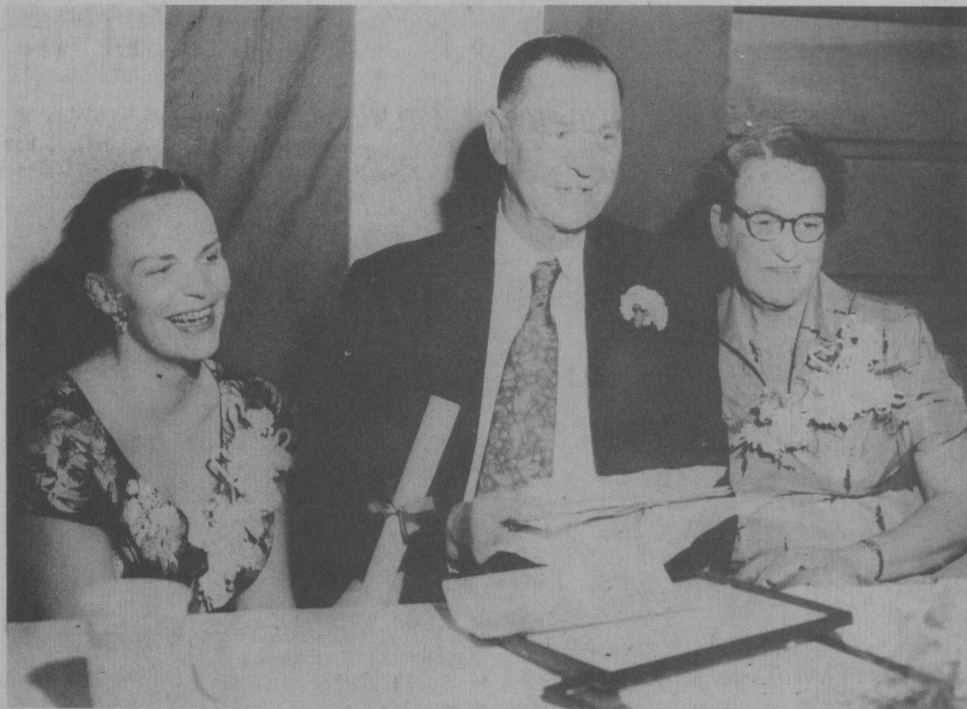
HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION — The genial "Old Man" accepts the Hall of Fame presentation awarded him by the Helms Athletic Foundation in 1948. The presentation was made after Henderson's Big Green walked off with the N.A.I.B. championship in 1947. The plaque now appears in Memorial Field House. The picture on the left shows a worried Henderson watching on as one of his Green squads mark up a close victory over an able foe at the Field House. Forward Bob Lowe is pictured on Henderson's left. In 20 years at Marshall, Cam's teams marked up several Buckeye Conference championships on the hardwood and captured several noted tournaments in which they participated.



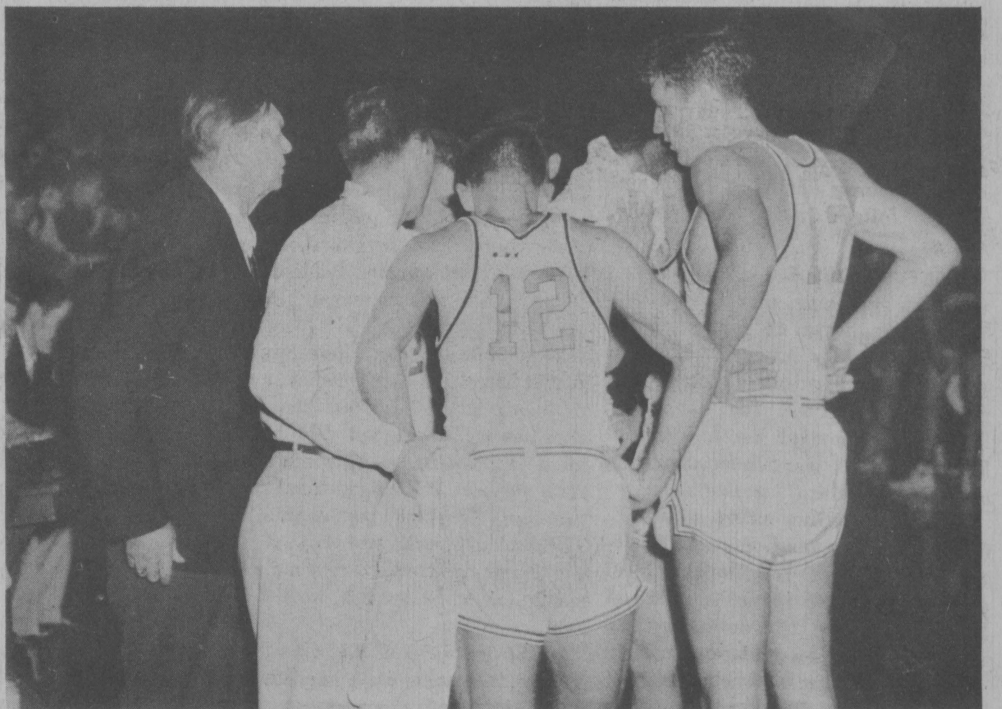
RECORD HOLDER — All-American Walt Walowac, who graduated last June, is pictured shown at the foul line practicing the famed one-handed shot that enabled him to break practically every Marshall scoring record in the books. Walt is now in the army.



LOOK OUT FOR THAT "Goose" —One of the finest players to play under Henderson at Marshall was the famed Gene "Goose" James. James will be remembered for his winning shot in the final game of the N.A.I.B. Following graduation, James signed to play professional basketball with the New York Celtics.



TESTIMONIAL DINNER—Last March, a group of former Marshall athletes who performed for the Green and White under the guidance of Henderson, paid tribute to him by honoring him with a mammoth testimonial dinner at Memorial Field House. In the picture above, Henderson is pictured with his wife (extreme right) and his daughter Trixie. Several hundred attended the affair.



CAM SPEAKS—Time is out on the floor and the Big Green squad gets game strategy from Henderson who is shown discussing difficulties with team members. Those in the picture are Charlie Slack (17), Carl York (12) and manager Ed Walowac (with towel). Henderson was always aware of the fact when his squad needs instructions and frequently called time-outs.