



**BASKETBALL ENTERTAINERS COMING** — The fabulous Harlem Crowns take on St. Thomas secondary school all-stars Friday in an exhibition basketball game at Parkside Collegiate Institute. Among them are Herb Scaife, the 6-foot-6 playing manager, an 18-year veteran of

the team considered to be the clown prince of the organization, and Bobby Joe Woodson, from Oakland, Calif., who played at West Washington State. The Crowns call Woodson the world's greatest dribbler, showman and comic supreme. Game time is 8 p.m. to be preceded by a students vs. staff game at 6:30 p.m.

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The world famous travellers known as Harlem Crowns are coming to St. Thomas to play in the Parkside Collegiate Institute Friday at 8 p.m. against St. Thomas secondary school all-stars.

Harlem Crowns began their existence in the mid-'50s when former Harlem Globetrotter Chico Burrell formulated a team composed of highly-talented basketball players.

Burrell was born in Harlem, N.Y. He attended New York University and upon graduation he joined the Globetrotters. He played with them for 12 years during which time he was an outstanding performer. Burrell blended his talents with such Globetrotter greats as Goose Tatum, Sweetwater Clifton and Maquis Haynes.

After years of success with Harlem Crowns, Burrell retired and sold the team to a group of northern California businessmen. One of the incumbent members of the Crowns, Herbert Scaife, is presently managing the team. Scaife hails from Arkansas and resides in Oakland, Calif., during the off-season.

Members of the Crowns are chosen for showmanship as well as their ability to play above-average basketball. At the beginning of each season, approximately two weeks in October, an organized training camp is held in a designated northern California city. Candidates and possible new additions are brought in from all over

United States.

The requirements for being considered a member of Harlem Crowns are:

1. To have former college basketball experience.

2. To have good character and the ability to get along with others.

3. To have basketball ability, the potential to be to be a showman and a knack for comic improvisations.

Harlem Crowns play a regulation four-quarter game against any opposing team furnished by the sponsors. There is never a dull moment during the game because of the numerous zany acts and laugh-

a-minute routines.

From California eastward Harlem Crowns have staggered the comical imagination of spectators in places such as Canada, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado.

The Crowns have also taken their show abroad several times to places like Tokyo; Manila, Philippines, and Singapore. They also venture to south of the border into Old Mexico.

Harlem Crowns are sponsored by many various groups that include the local police and sheriff departments, booster clubs, lettermen clubs, student body clubs and various city service groups.