

Ligon Track Team Scores High At Meet

The J. W. Ligon Track Team, behind the coaching of George Handy, developed into the second best team in the state of North Carolina or possibly the best team according to the results of the state track meet held recently in Charlotte.

The Blues, who went on record as scoring 38 points for second place behind York Road of Charlotte with 38½, had their hopes for the championship shattered when a baton was dropped in the sprint medley relays. A protest was also lodged because a Ligon High jumper was not given consideration for taking less jumps in clearing 5'6. An extra point would also have lifted the Blues to the championship.

The Ligon team is built around the running of Charles Copeland. He broke the meet effort. Copeland a 5'11", 165 pound senior, also took the 100 yard dash in 9.7 and anchored the winning relay team.

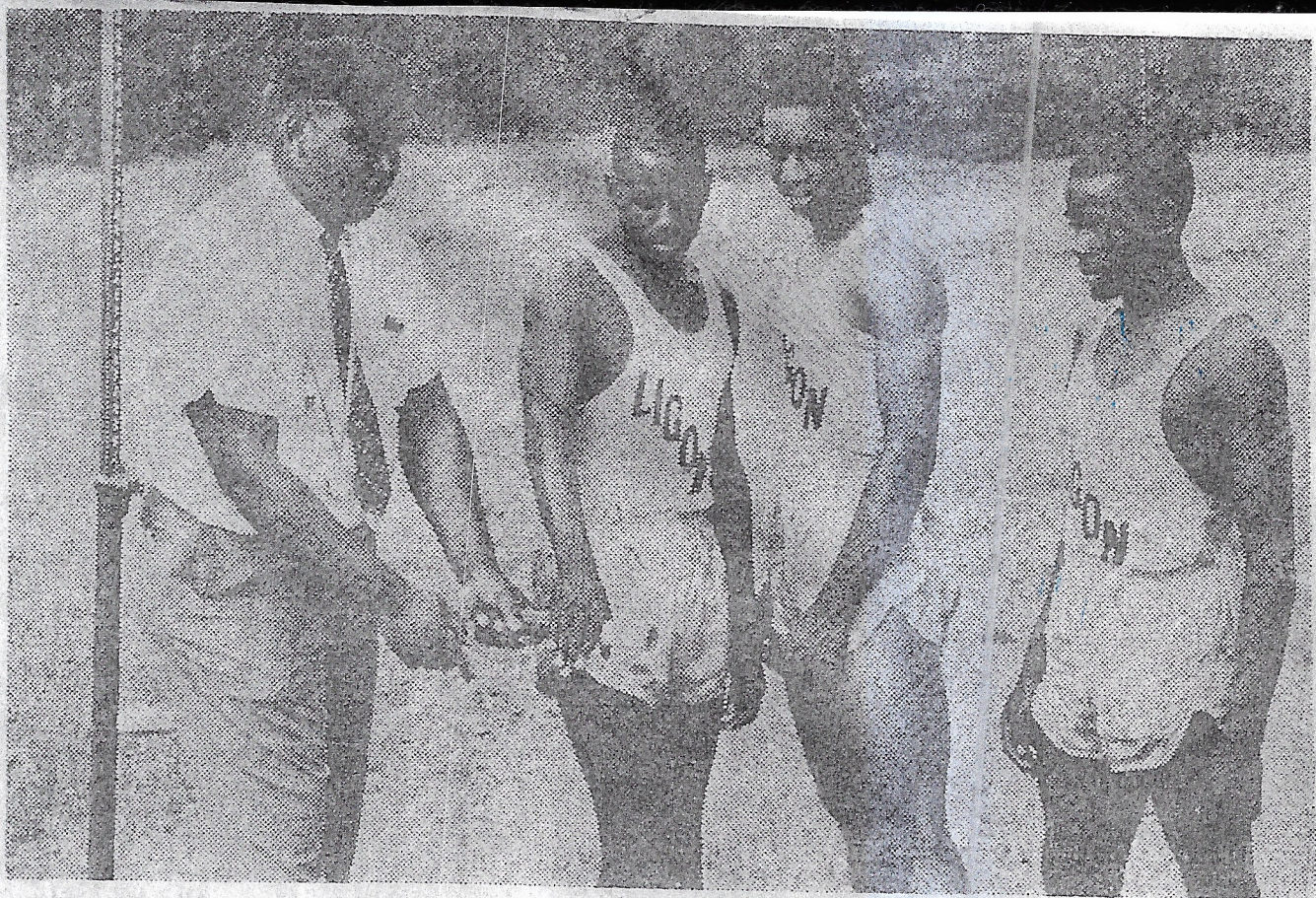
Charles Stewart, brother of James Stewart, who established many records while at Ligon, equaled the 100 yard dash in trials with a 9.7 clocking and placed second in the 100 and 220. He ran first leg on the winning 880 relay team.

Horace Robinson, a senior broke the high-jump record with a leap of 6'4. The previous mark was 6'0.

Handy's success with the team was best shown when the Blues outscored arch rival Hillside High of Durham. No one can be sure when this happened before. Hillside managed only 30 points in the state match.

Handy will lose four runners this

year through graduation. They are: Charles Copeland, Horace Robinson, Walter Ellis, and Frank Turner. The other members of the squad are: Larry Spense, Charles Stewart, Harold Kay, Isiaah Messenburg, Bernard Holt, Robert Sanders and Frank Turner.



TRACK STARS AT LIGON HIGH SCHOOL—Pictured from left to right are: Coach George Hardy, Charles Copeland, Horace Robinson and Harold Kay. (See story)