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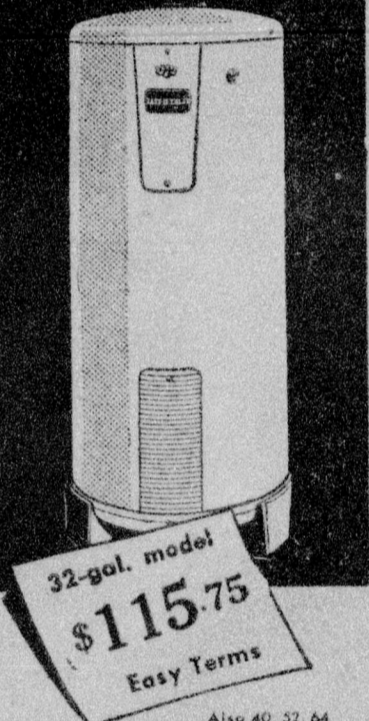


Now He Is Risen



PLAYED POSSUM — For four rounds at New York's Madison Square Garden recently, Chicago cutie Johnny Bratton (right) looks ailing from Bobby Jones of Oakland, Calif. Then the "off and on" welterweight saw an opening, and Jones was stopped in the fifth. (Newspress Photo.)

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Doctor Will Not Run, Attorney Will Make Second Attempt

Dr. McCauley has declined to enter the race for a seat on the City Council. Although he was endorsed for the position by the Raleigh Citizens Committee and could have undoubtedly won a council seat, Dr. McCauley stated in declining to enter the race, that the duties of his profession made it impossible for him to run. His reply to a letter recently sent to him by the Citizens Association, follows: March 31, 1953 Raleigh Citizens Association Raleigh, N. C. Dear Friends:

In reply to your recent letter asking that I consider making the race for the City Council, I wish first to say that I am deeply grateful to your fine organization for considering me as your choice and committing yourselves to wholehearted support, all of which was a great surprise to me, the memory of which I shall always cherish. I deeply regret that I can not accept at this time. As you know I am very active in the practice of my profession also that there is at present a scarcity of physicians. The great public demand for service places me in a position of great responsibility in keeping myself available to my patients.

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most sincerely yours, L. F. McCauley, M.D. It is considered most likely by those in the know that now, that Dr. McCauley has refused to enter the field of council aspirants, the Citizens Association will in all likelihood endorse and support the candidacy of Mr. Herman L. Taylor, prominent Raleigh attorney who made his intentions known by filing for the position of council last Wednesday morning.

Mr. Taylor was an unsuccessful candidate for a council position in 1951. Although receiving sufficient votes in the primary to win a place on the election, the final count found him a few hundred votes short of the number needed to win a seat. It is conceded however that results this year could prove successful for Mr. Taylor.

There has been considerable discussion here recently concerning the possibility of Dr. Catherine Middleton, local woman physician, entering the council race. Although Dr. Middleton has not made a definite commitment, sources close to her, say that apparently she is in a receptive mood and would not resist a call upon her to enter the race. Dr. Middleton is the only Negro woman physician in the staff at St. Agnes Hospital here and enjoys a large and successful city-wide practice.

It is known that a great deal of difficulty is being experienced by leaders of both races in trying to induce representative citizens to enter the race for city council seats. This could prove very detrimental to the best interests of the city. Citizens possessing the qualities needed for these positions, find it impossible for them to give the time that positions on the council require. Council members are paid a token fee of \$200 a year. That sum in no wise compensates the members for the duties and responsibilities the job entails. This year, several present councilmen have declined to offer for reelection because they feel they can not continue to make the sacrifice needed in order for them to remain on the council.

It is a widely accepted fact that the present plan of council operation here was adopted in that a certain element in the city could control the council. By making membership on an "at large" or city-wide basis, it was felt that only the rich and wealthy independent and those who had the backing of powerful interests could win council seats. Because of the numerous plan, the masses in Raleigh have never been actually represented since the inaugurating here of the council form of city government.

The architects of the infamous "Plan D" now find themselves "up a tree" in their efforts to obtain needed timber to keep their mill in operation. Anything can or is likely to happen before a new council is elected here. —BFC—

YMCA Secretary Was Advocant Of Rights, So Is Dismissed

A meeting of the committee at the branch building, Mr. Johnson's firing took effect as of the Friday meeting. According to the former executive secretary, the reason for his dismissal, as given by A. S. Reynolds, Chairman of the Branch Committee of Management, (who reportedly refused to put the dismissal notice in writing) was that the committee was forced to fire him or have the doors of the Market Street Branch YMCA closed by the Central YMCA, as they could no longer tolerate Mr. Johnson's outspoken attitude on the question of racial segregation and discrimination in the community.

Mr. Johnson is co-chairman of the Buncombe County Committee for Jews for Negroes, and also a member of the executive Committee of the local branch NAACP, both groups which are very active in trying to break down racial segregation and discrimination in the Asheville community.

INTER-RACE BALL

Considered a star performer behind the plate, Mack Campbell, right hand batter, is the other white member of the present Grays crew. In fielding an interracial team, manager Wilder has surrounded himself with some of the top base ball brain of the vicinity. Big Dean Cozart, Hagie Smith and Cleve Walters are handling the training and managing chores. Among the colored players who have participated in initial drills have been "Ben" Wilder, speed-ball artist and right-hand batter; Cliff Statton, property of the Boston Braves who played the 1951 season in Canada; Johnny Adkins, speedy product of local public schools; and Lefty Johnny Williams.

Others include Hazel Clark and base Ray Williams, former pitcher of the Chicago American Giants, short and second; "Go" Wilder, second; Lonnie Floyd first; and "Go" Go" Kittrell catcher. —EPC—

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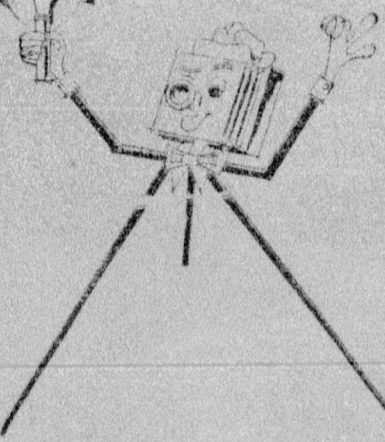
It is known locally that the Committee of Management was prodded into the firing of Mr. Johnson by a powerful faction of local white citizens who objected to his public stand against racial discrimination as practiced by the local hospital in its employment practices and in its services to Negro patients. These alleged powerful whites are on the hospital board and are also officials and "big" donors to the United Fund organization of which the Market Street Branch YMCA is a benefiting member.

The surprise firing of Mr. Johnson came in the middle of the largest membership campaign effort in the history of the local branch. Mr. Johnson came to the Asheville branch Y on January 15, 1952 as Executive Secretary after having served for nearly three years as Physical and Program Secretary of the Chestnut Street Branch YMCA of Louisville, Ky. The Asheville branch Y had been without an executive secretary for some three years prior to Mr. Johnson's arrival. With respect to future plans, Mr. Johnson said that he had none at this time.

A graduate of Lincoln University (Pa), Johnson is a native of Lawrence, Kansas. Prior to entering YMCA work he taught school for two years in Warren County, N. C. In commenting on his dismissal, Mr. Johnson said, in part, "This community has a right to a decent YMCA program for its youth and young men, and I am of the opinion that this latest action of the committee of Management completely disregards this need and desire on the part of the citizens of this community."

"But on the other hand, this community does not need a YMCA run by a group of people who actually have no real desire to see our boys and young men take their rightful places in this community as first-class citizens, but who are only really interested in their own prestige and security with the

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