

Six Negro Aldermen Are Sworn in Chicago

By JIM FOREE

Anyone who talks with the six Negro aldermen who last week were sworn in as members of the City Council is impressed with the many things which they have in common.

A chat with them discloses that each is married, is an active member of a church and is passionately interested in the problems which face their wards and the city.

A Chicago Defender reporter interviewed the aldermen to find out what they have done and what they hope to do for their wards and Chicago.

Comments made by Ald. William H. Harvey are included in this article. Remarks by the other five aldermen will be reported in subsequent stories.

Harvey, of the Second ward, is the oldest councilman—in point of years served. He first was elected to the Council in 1943 and has served continuously since then.

He heads a ward of some 75,000 persons, with about 36,500 of them being registered voters. Boundaries of the ward are roughly 22nd st. on the north, 40th st. on the south, Wentworth on the west and the lake on the east.

A predominately Negro area, the ward has experienced in the past few years a tremendous change in housing. Many old homes have made way for new high-rise public housing projects. Among them are the Harold E. Ickes project at 22nd and State st., the Dearborn Homes at 26th and State, the Stately Garden project at 35th and State and the Ida B. Wells project at 37th and South Parkway.

Also located in the ward is the huge Lake Meadows housing development, built by New York Life Insurance company. In the process of being constructed is the Prairie Shores development, a product of the Michael Reese hospital.

However, despite the large number of housing projects which have changed the face of Harvey's ward, the alderman said housing and redevelopment still are problems which he must solve.

Harvey said his concern now is for housing for middle-class people.

"I would like to see some non-profit and coop-housing for the middle class," he said. "Also some small private homes."

Housing and redevelopment problems will occupy much of the attention of Harvey.

He is well situated to deal with this problem, being a member of the City Council Planning and Housing Committee. Other committees which he will serve on for this term of the council include: Finance, Police, Fire Schools, Civil Service and Municipal Institutions. He also is chairman of the Health committee.

Harvey includes among his achievements as alderman the enactment of a fair employment law relative to city contracts and a non-discrimination hospital law.

Harvey was educated at Lincoln (Mo.) university. He and Mrs. Harvey have a 10-year-old daughter, Millicent.

The alderman is an active member of Olivet Baptist Church, but like most politicians he attends many others.

Negro Architect Designs Furniture

By EDDIE MADISON

A young Negro architect, one of three known registered Negro architects in the Chicago area, will introduce a new line of furniture to the national market in July.

Raymond E. Watson, 27, 4724 S. Greenwood ave., calls his furniture design 'The Functional Modular Line.'

Actually the furniture line is an additional feature of Watson's work. His life-long ambition to enter the field of architecture was fulfilled when he became a registered architect after passing the Illinois State board examination.

COMPETITIVE FIELD

A highly competitive field, Watson passed the board examination for architects although he has not completed training toward a degree in architectural engineering. Requirements for taking the examination are reportedly very stringent.

A native of Chicago, Watson attended Wendell Phillips high school. He went to the University of Illinois for one year after high school graduation and then entered military service. He served 27 months with the U. S. Air Force as an architectural draftsman.

Following military service he returned to the University of Illinois for another year of study. He then went to Illinois Institute of Technology to further his formal training. After studying architectural engineering for about three years, he decided to change his major to civil engineering.

COLLEGE TRAINING

"Altogether I have about six or seven years of college, Watson said, smilingly "and I still don't have a degree." He explained that about 50 per cent of his training is in each of the two fields of study.

Many draftsmen, the Defender learned, hold degrees but only a few qualify for their license. Watson, who became a registered architect in August, 1958, is presently associated with W. J. Campbell and C. H. Graves and Associates. The firm which recently

completed drawings on the Henderson residence in Southside Chicago.

Watson, since entering the field of architecture, has formally worked in several offices of note. Among these are the Corps of Engineers; Sidney H. Morris, whose notable structures include the Scottsdale shopping center, 1000 Lake Shore dr.; Milton Schwartz, known for their work on the Executive House; Pace Associates, who did architectural work on the Illinois toll road, a feature of which is its over-the-road restaurants.

DESIGNS BADGE

During the time he worked for these firms, Watson also did special work for General Engineers and Designers, a Negro concern which remodeled the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company building. This firm also remodeled the Archway Lounge, 61st and S. Parkway.

A member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Watson also designed a sweetheart badge which was recently ap-

proved by the national organization.

Watson, who always liked arts and crafts in elementary school, said his teachers at that time observed that he had artistic ability. This interest and ability are now displayed in his creation of the furniture line and the fraternity sweetheart badge.

Earlier, while still in high school, his creative ability was given a chance to display itself in still another area. At this period in his development he worked as a printer for the Rev. Clarence Cobb, minister of the First Church of Deliverance. Watson published the weekly bulletin for the church. Also, while in high school he took courses to prepare himself for training in architecture.

Watson is married to the former Miss Joanne Glass of Chicago. They have two children, Andre, 5 and Donna, 2.

Rev. E. Richardson, son Ernest and daughter Ann and Urmia spent Decoration Day in Toronto visiting relatives and to decorate their bereaved ones graves.

Mrs. James Hill was appointed church delegate to the Annual Conference which will be in N. Buxton, June 22nd; also Mrs. Doris Kennedy, missionary delegate.

Mr. Clifford Phoenix is still on the critical list in Westminster Hospital.

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Says Floyd Patterson Fastest Man on Earth

By Kurt Freudenthal

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — "Floyd Patterson — he is definitely the fastest man on two feet."

That's how game Brian London praised the champion who knocked him out early in the 11th round.

London seemed none the worse for the vicious battering he absorbed from the very outset. He was up and around seconds after being counted out and he walked to his tiny dressing room half-smiling.

"I feel great," the perspiring challenger said, an inch-long cut showing beneath his right eye and his left eyelid also cut slightly.

"I'm very proud to have fought Patterson, he is a great champion. He is the fastest person on two feet."

The jut-jawed Englishman said Patterson's right hand just before the bell ended the 10th round "had me dazed." He went down on his knee then but walked unaided to his corner.

"I said to myself then, go, Brian, go see if you can get him in the 11th. I just couldn't do it."

London had no alibi in defeat, but said, "I could have done better if I had been here six months ago."

"I came here to learn how to box — I'm coming back."

"I don't think I did too badly — I think I did better than (Pete) Rademacher."

"I want to come back here (to the United States) and learn how to fight."

Fight Patterson again?
"No," laughed London, "you don't go through this twice."

Special service was held on Sunday, May 24, when our pastor had as special guest members and their wives from the Y Men's Club of which he is Chaplain.

Special quartette numbers were led by Mr. J. Brooks; solo by Mr. Garnet Brooks; piano selections by Mr. Jerry Fagan and Mr. S. Drake. Prayer was offered by Rev. Clarence Johnson. Offering was lifted by Mr. Harry Courty and Mr. Don Jenkins.

Scripture lesson was given by Rev. Richardson.

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