SOLD JACK JOHNSON RING:

Pawnbroker 44 Years Going Out of Business

The Baltimore pawnbroker who has sold jewelry to such outstanding personalities as Jack Johnson, former world's heavyweight champion, is going out of business after 44 years.

He is Isaac Berman, who has an establishment at Baltimore and Arch Sts.

Years ago Mr. Berman had a jewelry store at Lexington St. near Eutaw, at which, he recalls, Jack Johnson bought a ring for "somewhere between $800 and $1000 for his wife."

The late Tom Smith, noted politician and hotel proprietor, bought a seven-carat diamond ring from him for $2,600, he also disclosed.

Friend of AFRO Founder

"You could not buy such a ring for that amount today," said Mr. Berman, who held in his hand a diamond worth $7,000 and as big around as a penny.

He also recalled that the late John H. Murphy, AFRO founder, frequently dropped in to chat with him.

"At least 85% of my trade is with colored persons," said Mr. Berman, "and a large number of the items pawned are clothing.

Suit Pawned for Safekeeping

"There is one man who brought in a suit of clothes every week and pawned it for $10. I asked him why he came in so often. He said he left it with me because he knew it was safe.

"Another fellow frequently came in to borrow $20 on his watch. He would pay 50 cents interest and then take it out again.

"He told me he deals with me because nobody else knows my business so well," Mr. Berman said.

"I get gold teeth, wooden legs and almost anything you can imagine."

80% of Articles Reclaimed

About 80% of the articles pawned are reclaimed by their owners. The other 20% stay with the pawnbroker, Mr. Berman says, and he has to sell them.

On most items pawned, Mr. Berman advances one-third of the value. This amounts to about $8 to $12 on a wrist watch.

During the racing season, this Baltimore St. merchant gets a lot of binoculars and some of them are high grade.

30% Per Year Interest

According to Mr. Berman, pawnbrokers charge 30% a year interest on items left with them. This includes one-half of one per cent a month for carrying charges and 3 per cent for storage.

Mr. Berman estimates that it is going to take him five or six more months to liquidate his Baltimore St. business.

His son will open up a new store at 106 W. Baltimore St., next to Hamburgers, where he plans to keep a desk to see his old friends, he stated, "just some thing to keep my mind busy."

Cupid's Corner

John R. Bean, 60-year-old widower of 1407 E. Madison St. and Miss Mabel Epps, 37 years his junior, were among the 22 couples licensed to wed, here, this week.

Licenses were also issued to three Washington couples. They were:

Willie J. Thomas, 43, divorced, and Mrs. Virginia H. Edwards, 30, divorced, both Washington; James R. Bannerman, 32, a bachelor, and Mrs. Rosa Lee Miller, 28, divorced, both Washington; Jesse Gorce, 26, and Miss Lorraine Bell, 24, both Washington.

Baltimoreans given permits were:

HALL-KERSEY—Clarence F., 28, 925 N. Carey St.; Dorothy D., 25, divorced.
JOHNSON-SMITH — Thomas, 37, divorced, 1017 Pennsylvania Ave.; Minnie, 35.
HILL-SMITH—William M., 26, 716 W. Fairmont Ave.; Emma I., 24.
PAUL-RIBBS—Samuel, 27, divorced, 1418 W. Franklin St.; Alice, 23.
DEZIRAN-THOMAS—Ulysses, 24, divorced, 515 Baker St.; Vernell, 25.
SMITH-HASKERVILLE—William H., 39, 524 N. Mount St.; Adelaide, 34, divorced.
HAMLETT-DORSEY—Tunk J., 39, widower, 1529 Clifton Ave.; Loretta, 23.
CARTER-WHITE—James H., 24, Roth, 20, 431 E. 23rd St.
BROWN-WILSON—George A., 55, divorced, 1165 N. Stricker St.; Lillian, 52, widow.
ALFORD-JACKSON—Theodore, 26, divorced, 1402 E. Lanvale St.; Barbara, 24.

Campanella Removed to Camp Hospital

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ing with the crack righthander, Don Newcombe, and the Bums' trainer felt it best not to expose Big Don to a possible flu attack inasmuch as the illness is highly contagious.

Manager Shotton himself has been a victim of influenza, having just recovered from an attack prior to his arrival at the camp.

Jackie Delayed

Campanella and Newcombe were the two colored players on hand as the National League champions launched their 1950 spring training Wednesday morning, with the other two, Jackie Robinson and Dan Bankhead, expected within a few days. Also missing from the 39-man squad was Gil Hodges, white, first baseman.

Robinson wired from Hollywood that he has been delayed by work on his film, "The Robinson Story." He promised to report on Friday, March 3, but there was another report that the National League batting champion may not reach here until Sunday.

Whether or not this will draw the ire of Branch Rickey is a matter of conjecture, since it is unknown at this writing.

Bankhead cabled Sunday from Caguas, Puerto Rico, to ask a brief extension of time, which was granted. He reported his wife, Linda, scheduled for a Caesarean operation on Tuesday, and said he would like to await the results.

Bankheads' Baby Born

The baby was born at San Juan on Tuesday, but Bankhead is not expected to reach here for a week or 10 days. This was the Bankheads' third child.

Don Has It Easy

Aside from the usual opening day calisthenics, Newcombe had a relatively easy session on Wednesday. He ran some, along with pitchers Ralph Branca, Willard Ramsdell, Joe Hatten and Mal Mallette. Then later, he joined the rest of the hurlers — those derstood that Rickey approved the late trip to the coast on the basis of Jackie's assurance he would come into camp on time.

Downingtown School Gets New Water Tank

DOWNINGTOWN, Pa.—Very shortly a landmark for recognition of Downingtown Industrial School will be a 50,000-gallon water tank which will tower some 55 feet above ground level.

The tank is now being delivered on the school grounds and will be erected on a slightly higher spot than the 10,000-gallon tank, which has served the school for many years.

In addition to the tank, a new well is to be drilled as an increased source of water supply and for much-needed fire protection.

CARROLL-SMITH—Richard, 69 widower, Mable, 57, widow, 1227 Ashland Ave.
KEYS-JONES—Everett, 22, 1621 W. Fayette Ave.; Rosa Mae, 17.
SMITH-GAITHER—Raymond L., 21, Geraldine, 18, 1309 N. Stockton St.
EDWARDS-AILOR—Lindsay, 29, divorced, 637 George St.; Natalie, 20.
BOWMAN-BAILEY—Isaac, 26, 733 Sterling St.; Bessie, 42.
DAILEY-HARMON—Herbert, 46, 1721 Pennsylvania Ave.; Blanche, 41.
MOORE-GREGORY—William M., 24, Ruby Lee, 21, 4651 Falls Road.
MILLER-HOWARD—Collins E., 26, 1118 Welcome Alley; Louise A., 23, 1118 Welcome Alley.
LUMPKIN-WATT—Thomas, 40, 603 Lexington St.; Johnnie M., 23.
ROBINSON-HUGHES—Leon, 23, 1708 W. Fayette St.; Mary V., 22.
WEST-WILDER—Jacob G., 21, 232 N. High St.; Margaret, 18.

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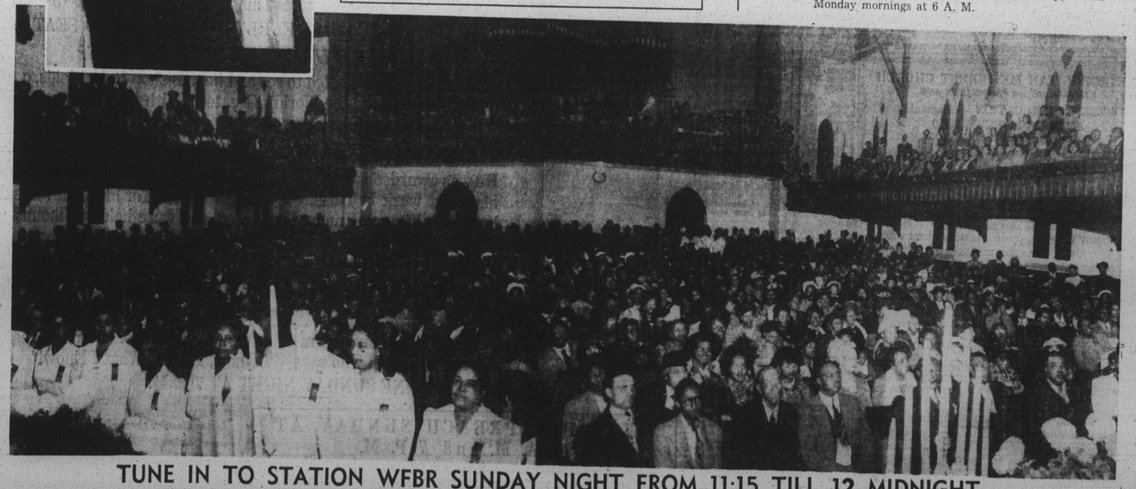
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