RALPH JONATHAN YOUNG—1893-1968

AFRO Photo Highlights In Career Of Beloved Physician Whom Thousands Called 'Friend'



LIKED FUN—When AFRO pulled April Fool joke on its readers, Dr. Young cooperated, played role of gas station attendant.



1966 — While over 700 lauded him at testimonial, Dr. Young turned tables, credited others, including wife, Mrs. Addie Young, and physician-daughter, Lois now on Howard University Medical School faculty.



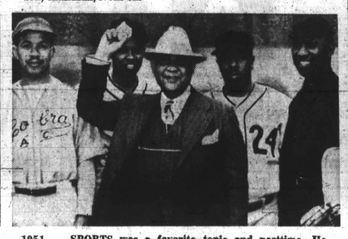
SALUTE came from then Mayor McKeldin who called him "my dear friend . . . back in 1943 we started Chick Webb Center." Mrs. Annie Thompson, chairman, looks on.



1940 — PORTRAIT of the gentle man whom thousands have called "my doctor," and "my friend." He practiced 48 years until he died Friday at age of 75.



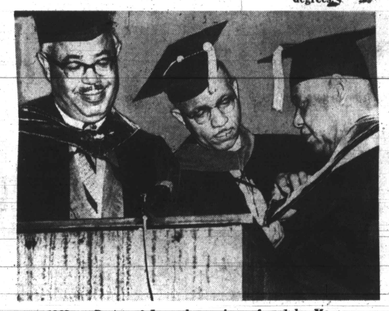
1942 — KIDS were his favorite. Here he romps with youngsters at opening of McKim Playground. Dr. Young received citation from Recreation Department for his work.



1951 — SPORTS was a favorite topic and pasttime. He throws out ball for sandlot baseball opening. Extreme right, Dennis Mello, now police captain. Dr. Young played football at Howard University where he earned his college degrees.



1961 — INAUGURATION of Howard U. President James Nabrit attracted these alumni Dr. Young and Dr. George Adams of D.C. Dr. Young finished in class of 1919.



1962 — Doctor of Laws degree in conferred by Morgan State College president, Dr. Martin Jenkins, and then Dean Albert Whiting. Citation noted his "tireless efforts in the public interest and magnanimous devotion to your profession. have won admiration."



1948 — "One who best typifies the spirit of Howard University," read the scroll presented Dr. Young at alumni dinner by long time friend, John L. Berry. Dr. Young served on numerous boards and commissions, was clinician with city health department and Hopkins Hospital.

Citizens He Served and Loved Remember Dr. Young

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro III leads the many citizens who mourn the death of Dr. Ralph J. Young.

His father, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., in 1947 helped dedicate the Chick Webb Center which Dr. Young struggled so long to establish for East Baltimore youngsters.

Also giving tribute is Theodore McKeldin, who from 1943 to 1947 — as mayor of Baltimore worked hand-in-hand with Dr. Young to raise funds for the recreation center.

Recalling the center was Dr. Young's "baby" is Daniel N. Clark, a former Webb center director, now a Recreation Department supervisor.

Mr. Clark in his tribute speaks for the thousands of youngsters who have come through the center, the officials and L. Clement Nixon, the first director.

Dr. Young was officially chairman of the Chick Webb Memorial Committee and the Advisory Committee.

Chick Webb, world famed drummer and orchestra leader was a patient of Dr. Young.

A benefit he gave in 1946 helped gather in the initial center fund of $75,000.

The city of Baltimore matched the sum to build the center at 623 N. Eden St.

Mayor D'Alesandro Jr., Mr. McKeldin, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Clark all spoke at the dedication of the center on Sunday Nov. 30, 1947 at Dunbar High School.

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THE PRESENT mayor, Dr. D'Alesandro III, said in his tribute Monday:

"I was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Young. His death is a great loss to all the people of our city.

"He was one of our most honored and beloved citizens. For a long period of time Dr. Young served the causes of community service.

"Through his activity in the establishment of the Chick Webb Center, and many other activities in Baltimore, he was always in the forefront of those issues that could make the community a better place for all people to live and he was active and in the forefront before any of these causes became as popular as they are today.

"Dr. Young understood the importance of strong community self-help effort. He will be surely missed."

Former Mayor Theodore McKeldin: "Dr. Ralph Young was during his lifetime the conscience of Baltimore.

"He continuously displayed his passionate interest in the affairs of our city and his profound concern for the problems of the young by participating directly in programs he felt of significant value to his fellow man.

"I consider two of the proud achievements of my public life, my appointment of Dr. Young to the State Board of Health and to the City Welfare Advisory Board, and, he served in both instances with great commitment and excellence.

"He was also of immeasurable help to me as Mayor from 1943 to 1947 in being the driving force behind the Chick Webb Recreation Center which I considered a vital project in the assault on juvenile delinquency.

"He was indeed a crusader and a humanitarian both by profession and by nature."

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FORMER Webb Center director, Daniel N. Clark: "For many, many years Dr. Young was a great influence in East Baltimore and the city as a whole.

"In his travels as a physician in East Baltimore one day, he noticed little children playing in an old ice house. He told me the sight gave him the idea if he was fortunate some day he would do something about it.

"Chick Webb was a patient of his. Together they raised thousands of dollars. They tried at first to get a YMCA. Then they turned to Mayor McKeldin.

"Finally together they got a promise that the city would help build the Chick Webb Recreation Center in three stages.

"First was the original building at 623 N. Eden St., then the swimming pool. Finally, the playground, which was completed in 1967.

"Dr. Young gave his every support to the long effort. It was his 'baby.' L. Clement Nixon became the first director.

"All of us and the entire Bureau of Recreation will miss him very, very much."

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FORMER Magistrate John L. Berry, 2038 Druid Hill Ave.:

"When did one man do so much for so many people as the late Dr. Ralph J. Young?

"He was the people's doctor, a living embodiment of what we cherish most in the true family doctor.

"To him the practice of medicine was a ministry of healing. He was interested in saving and protecting human life because to him every person was unique and worth saving. None were too poor or too humble to be worthy of his healing touch.

"He was a true humanitarian. His patients loved him as one who healed both body and mind.

"The Chick Webb Recreation Center of East Baltimore is a monument to his great concern for the development of the youth of his community in body, mind and spirit.

"I saw him arrive in Baltimore as a young doctor over forty years ago and so endear himself to the people of our city that at a recent testimonial honoring him, space could not be found big enough for those of both races who wished to attend.

"The medical profession of Baltimore has been ennobled because Ralph J. Young was a member.

"The city of Baltimore has been enriched by his life and work."

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MARSHALL JONES, prominent East Baltimore citizen: "Dr. Young was a great citizen, a leader among men.

"His contributions to East Baltimore and the city as a whole place him among the highest.

"His contributions can never be measured in the image he projected nor in the good he was able to do not only in medicine but in civic involvement."



1951 — Dr. Young and wife at polls. He made unsuccesful bid for City Council seat on GOP ticket from 2nd District. Noted as a crusader, Dr. Young spoke out against injustices and inequities and championed civil rights, long before it was popular to do so.

Dr. Young's Funeral

Funeral services for Dr. Ralph J. Young, 75, 3232 Carlisle Ave., were held today (Tuesday) at noon at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Hundreds of citizens from all walks of life filled the main auditorium to capacity and lined the sidewalks of the church in East Baltimore where the physician was beloved for nearly half a century.

Scores of cars formed the procession to Arbutus Memorial Cemetery for the final rites.

Dr. Young, a family doctor noted for his charity and philanthropy, died Friday unexpectedly.

He has been ailing all fall but saw patients at his East Baltimore office regularly through October against his physician's orders to cut down on activity.

In the eulogy at the funeral, the Rev. Octavius R. Graham, Knox church pastor referred to the last time he visited Dr. Young just before he was released from Hopkins Hospital in mid-October.

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HE STATED, "Dr. Young lived for others. When last saw him at Hopkins his great concern was about today's physicians' lack of home visits. In this great age of specialization, he said,

"Then, he lamented, 'Alas, I will not ever be able to have office hours any more. And it will be boring, holding down a chair at home.'"

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THE POINT of the Rev. Mr. Graham's sermon was, however, the fact that Dr. Young indeed lives on.

"He will never die," he stated. "He lives on in the countless and wonderous things he did for his fellow man."

The Rev. Mr. Graham and Dr. Young had been friends since 1926.

The Rev. Mr. Graham is the East Baltimore neighborhood Presbyterian pastor and on the visiting staff at Hopkins.

Dr. Young was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church now displaced by Urban Renewal and awaiting a new building in a new location.

His pastor, the Rev. Robert Newbold is now an official of the Presbytery.

FIVE OTHER ministers took part in the church rites, and graveside ceremonies.

The Rev. George A. Crawley Jr., also an East Baltimore minister and longtime friend of the physician, presided.

The Rev. R. Moses Williams, pastor of Zion Baptist Church gave the opening prayer.

The Rev. W. A. Hill, pastor of Nazarene Baptist Church gave the Old Testament reading while the Rev. Mr. Crawley read from the New Testament.

The Rev. Mr. Graham read the opening sentences.

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LINKS of Charlotte, N.C., will be hostesses to members of the Southern Area March 14-16. Attending a luncheon and workshop session to complete plans for the conference were: from left, front row: Miss Edna Morris, Mrs. Marjorie Belton, Miss Allegra Westbrooks, Mesdames Maude K. Reid, Elizabeth S. Randolph, Maxine Newsom; standing, second row, Mesdames Jean M. Rorie, Fannie P. Dobson, Catherine R. Hawkins, Jacquelin H. Butler, Maria E. Wynn, Iris North, Emily R. Ivory, Caroline W. Graham, Thelma B. Byers, Gladys Greene, Julia W. Boulding and Aurelia T. Henderson.

Sgt., Mrs. Battle wed in Dover

DOVER, Del. — Miss Charlotte Drummond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Drummond, Sr. was married to Sgt. John C. Battle of Cleveland, Ohio, here, recently.

The ceremony took place in Whatcoat Methodist Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Clayton Hammonds officiating. Soloist was Miss Brondolyn Butcher of Smyrna, Del.

THE BRIDE, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white taffeta overlaid with organza. Her veil was also of organza, and she carried a bouquet of carnations.

Miss Mary Ann Sirce, maid of honor, wore a gown of pale blue taffeta with royal blue velvet top. The bridesmaids, sisters of the bride, were Misses Dauphine and Dorothy Drummond. Their gowns were of pale blue with maroon velvet tops.

SGT. STANLEY JOHNSON, who is stationed at Dover Air Force Base, as is the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Archie Dickens, also of Dover Air Force Base, and Omar Drummond, brother of the bride.

Janie Drummond, sister of the bride, and three nieces, Kontanita, Dorinda and Tracy, were flower girls. They wore pink and white frocks. Eric Drummond, brother of the bride, was ring bearer.

A reception in the church followed the ceremony.

The first Spanish settlement in California was at San Diego.

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The average adult citizen of California has had 12.1 years of school.

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The beaver has been known to cut down a five-inch thick tree in three minutes.

Feminine Front

Kansas State has its first Homecoming Queen

MANHATTAN, Kans. — Paula Blair, pert 5' 5½" coed from Coffeyville, was named 1968 Homecoming queen at Kansas State University, here, following one of the largest voting turnouts in recent years for the Homecoming queen election.

Nearly one-third of the more than 12,000 K-State students cast ballots.

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THE FIRST colored person to be elected Homecoming queen at Kansas State, Miss Blair was selected from an original field of 26 coeds nominated by their organized living groups.

She was elected queen from a field of five finalists selected on the basis of beauty, personality, poise, scholarship, activities and a skit presented by her living group.

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I'M JUST so excited, I can hardly talk," Miss Blair said after K-State football coach Vince Gibson announced her election during a student rally Monday afternoon. She was presented at the Homecoming football game Saturday and crowned that night at the Homecoming presentation of "Funny Girl."

"You know, I just never thought about winning. I've always tried out for things but I've just never won any. Well, once I was a Sweetheart for the Civic Group in my home town. That was awfully special to me. But that's all I've won," she said.

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IN HER moments of joyful triumph, Paula thought of what her election meant to others.

"Winning this title is just a triple thrill," she said. "My folks have always wanted me to do things. My friends are so excited. The girls at the dorm worked so hard — and the colored students really talked it up. It makes Homecoming more real to them. Homecoming has been a time when they just had a party. They've never felt too much a part of Homecoming but this is something that's truly ours — and something we can truly enjoy.

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"MY FOLKS want things for me. You know, they've never had a chance to have the formal education I am getting."

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THE DAUGHTER of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paul Blair, Miss Blair represented Goodnow Hall, a women's residence hall in the competition. She is the fourth coed representing an organized independent living group to be elected in the past five years.

A senior majoring in mathematics, Miss Blair hopes to go into industry as a computer programmer following her graduation in June. She says she majored in math because it was "challenging."

MISS BLAIR, who enjoys making many of her own clothes and playing tennis, is an outstanding student. She is a member of Mortar Board, senior women's honorary, and Light Brigade, honorary Army ROTC auxiliary.

She also is a member of the K-State Community Sisters, a group of colored coeds who work with the colored children in the Manhattan community; Associated Women Students' judicial board; and serves on her residence hall staff. She was chosen as a speaker for the President's Convocation during Orientation Week at K-State and participated as a member of the Human Relations Visitation Teams.

Miss Blair's attendants for Homecoming were Misses Shelly Bergerhouse of Denver, Colo.; Nancy Hodgson of Hutchinson; Barbara Ross, Wichita and Janet Sprang of Effingham.

Miss Dillard James Green exchange vows

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Miss Deborah Louise Dillard and James L. Green were married, here, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Dillard wore a formal wedding gown of satin overlaid with Chantilly lace, which featured a portrait neckline, long sleeves and a train attached at the shoulders.

Her veil of silk illusion was attached to a Dior bow, and she carried a Bible marked with white and golden streamers.

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MRS. BERNICE DALLAS was her sister's honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Shirley Lampkins and Mrs. Joyce A. Parker. They wore ensembles in shrimp with matching flirtation veils.

Larry Brown was best man and ushers were William H. Parker and Charles Giles.

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A RECEPTION was held in the Odd Fellows' Center. Assisting hostesses were Miss Myra Dillard; Mrs. Frances Dallas, Miss Joyce Turner and Mrs. Alicia Pilson.

About two-fifths of the world's population over 15, or 700 million persons, are considered to be illiterate, says Collier's Encyclopedia.



MISS LEE ANN MITCHELL, a senior majoring in elementary education, was crowned "Miss Fort Valley State" at Fort Valley, Ga., recently. A native of Smithville, Ga., Miss Mitchell has been recipient of the Honors Convocation Award for the past three years and was nominated to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, last year. She is a past Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Queen and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

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Show women can score high in mathematics, business

ALBANY, Ga. — The myth perpetrated by men that women are poor mathematicians and businesswomen has been soundly disproved by a young, attractive civil service worker at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., who is an alumna of Albany State College.

Mrs. Betty Martin Otey, a June, 1968 cum laude graduate, presently a Budget Analyst in the Warner Robins Air Material Area (WRAMA) maintenance Directorate at Robins, is a Federal Service Entrance Examination (FSEE) trainee and is undergoing a two-year work and training program during which time she will move from a GS-5 grade level to a GS-9 position.



MRS. BETTY OTEY

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WORKING in what many consider a "man's profession," Mrs. Otey finds that her job combines her favorite subjects, mathematics and business. Her supervisors report, "In a profession long dominated by men, it's refreshing to see a woman with as much ambition and ability as Mrs. Otey move into the business world."

The highest ranking ASC graduate in business administration a year ago, Mrs. Otey's job, when simply explained, is to figure out how and where WRAMA maintenance is spending its money.

SELECTED TO Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities for two successive years and a member of Alpha Kappa Mu and Phi Beta Lambda Honor Societies — all while maintaining her household and working part-time — she is considered by her teachers at Albany State to have been one of their very best students.

Dr. N. F. Davis, a Ph.D. from Indiana University who is chairman of the college's division of business, said, "Betty was, indeed, a most remarkable student. She has an intelligent approach to solving problems."

MRS. BIRNELL D. RIVERS, an associate professor of business at ASC who taught Betty two years of accounting and was her major adviser, said of her prized student, "Yes, Betty was probably one of the best students we've had. She has a fine analytical mind.

Mrs. Otey's job is involved with the newly-instituted DMIF (Directorate of Maintenance Industrial Fund). She is being trained to establish financial plans and controls on overtime, travel and purchase requests, as well as other items for WRAMA maintenance. Additionally, she develops pricing, labor and material rates for maintenance projects. In addition, she analyzes maintenance budgets against actual maintenance expenditures.

Her husband, Staff Sergeant James D. Otey, is presently stationed at Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, with the Strategic Air Command. Mrs. Otey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Martin, reside in this city.

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