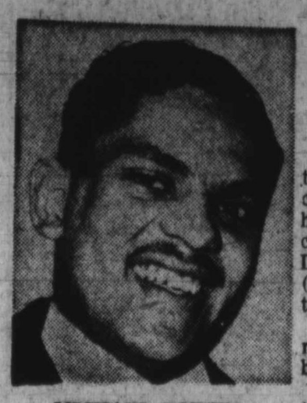
Attorney Mike Mitchell eyes Dr. Julian's seat



MICHAEL BOWEN MITCHELL

By Angela Chatman

Thirty-three-year old Attorney Michael Bowen Mitchell has announced that he will run against incumbent City Councilman Dr. Emerson R. Julian Sr. (D-4th) in this fall's election.

Mitchell says he's running "To bring some young blood into the council."

Likening the City Council to a "rubber stamp" for Mayor Schaefer's wishes, he told the AFRO, "There is no active voice there challenging the mayor's requests."

He also noted that there are no young black city councilmen and feels that, with the election of Norman Reeves, who is a possible candidate in the Fifth District, and himself, things will change.

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The young lawyer is no newcomer to politics. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. and at 16 worked as campaign manager for his brother, State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III (D-38th).

His uncle, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th) is the first brack congressman in the history of the state of Maryland.

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Although he has not yet filed as a candidate — he plans to do so next week. He has already begun to make plans about how his campaign will be run. There will be a lot of traveling from door to door and work in the streets.

Among the issues Mitchell intends to address himself to are quality education; more jobs; the present problems with the Off Street Parking Authority; expending the city's revenues; the "rape of the city by the state"; and supervising the budget of the Baltimore City Police Department.

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He has already gotten his feet wet in the controversy surrounding the evaluation of School Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson. He attacked his opponent, Dr. Julian, on his statement at Monday night's City Council meeting.

Julian had criticized those persons, whom he did not name, that he feels are using the issue of Dr. Patterson's evaluation as a political tool for their own gains.

"Too many decent people have been driven out of the system . . . Too many people are playing games. It started years ago."

Stating that he was neither for nor against Dr. Patterson, "One who has done his job well needs no army of pickets to ex-

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DR. EMERSON R. JULIAN SR.

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Feds nab students in cutting house

The United States government said in Federal Court Tuesday that it feels it has a "strong drug violation case" against four students, a Social Security employee, a longshoreman, and several unemployed citizens.

The suspects charged with violation of federal narcotics law are:

HOWARD STANBACK, 29, also known as Joe John. Stanback attempted to escape and his bail is $25,000.

Stanback was a champion quarter miler at Edmondson High and a member of the crack Morgan State Mile Relay Team in 1965 and 1966.

He told the court he is employed as a longshoreman and attended Morgan State College for three and a half years.

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MS. CHERYL J. HENSON, 29 lived at 4801 Laurel Ave., where the April 28, raid was conducted. Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Radding described Miss Henson as a "cutter in the heroin factory." Miss Henson is unemployed and has no prior criminal record. Her bail was set at $25,000.

MS. SHELIA A. FLEARY, 21, lives in the 1300 block Wildwood Parkway. Miss Fleary is employed as a health aide and her bail was set at $10,000.

COPPIN STUDENT

MISS VERTA FRANCINE CHASE is a 24-year-old registered student at Coppin State College, majoring in nursing. Miss Chase, of the 3500 block Kaywood Ave. was being held in lieu of $10,000 bail.

MISS DEBORAH ANN SCOTT, 22, was described as a cutter, with bail set at $15,000. Miss Scott stated she is employed as a sales clerk.

MISS CHARLOTTE I. BARNES, 25, has a case pending against her on possession of cocaine. Miss Barnes of the 100 block Retinue Court, bail was set at $15,000.

MISS BEVERLY ANN RHEUBOTTOM, 29, is employed at Social Security and lives in the 7400 block Lasada Dr. A $5,000 bail was set for Miss Rheubottom.

MISS ROSE ALICE MCGILL, 21, attempted to escape when she was arrested. She is described as

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CUTTING HOUSE is located in a quiet Northeastern section of Pimlico.

Arrests made in Priest robbery

Two men were arrested Tuesday and charged with the robbery and assault of Dr. James A. Priest, 44, and his wife, Mrs. Ponjola Priest, 43, in their 3000 block Granada Ave. home last week. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of two others.

Police identified the suspects as Bennie Harrison, 21, 5307 Peerless Ave.; and Anthony Jefferson Ruffin, 23, 4126 Forest Park Ave. Wanted are Herbert H. Parker and Harold Lewis, ages and addresses of both men are unknown.

Lt. Colonel James Watkins, commander of Western and Northwestern Districts, told the AFRO some of Dr. Priest's jewelry was found on the men after the arrests. The robbers made away with cash and jewelry valued at approximately $3,000 during robbery of Priests' home.

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According to Col. Watkins, Harrison will be charged with burglary, assault and robbery while Ruffin will be charged with burglary, and assault.

Col. Watkins stated Northwestern District's Officers Allen Ringold and Richard Krause, arrested Ruffin last Tuesday while investigating an unrelated burglary committed last Monday.

He said search of the suspect's person led to the discovery of rings reportedly missing from the home of Dr. Priest during last week's Thursday robbery of his home. Police state further investigation resulted in the arrest of Harrison from whose house police recovered some of the stolen jewelry.

Police records show the Priests' home was robbed about 10:30 p.m. as Mrs. Priest was sitting in the kitchen. Police stated the men led the woman to the bedrooms where her husband and two children were sleeping and after tying them together ransacked the home.

Dr. and Mrs. Priest are well-known and respected community workers.

Hardy gets top jail position

The Maryland Division of Corrections announces these appointments:

J. Brown Hardy, assistant commissioner for operations, is deputy commissioner, effective May 1, to replace Robert W. McCauly, acting commissioner.

Elmanus Herndon, superintendent of correctional camps, is assistant commissioner for operations to succeed Mr. Hardy.

Mark Levine, new commissioner, announced the appointments Thursday.

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Mr. Hardy has been operations director and acting warden at the Penitentiary and was superintendent of the reception center. And, at one time, superintendent of Patuxent Institution.

He has a master's degree from Howard University and has been in corrections since 1956.

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Herndon has been assistant warden at Md. House of Corrections and chief of operations and in October, 1974 was named superintendent of correctional camps.

Warm weekend

Weather prophets say the rains are gone for a few days at least, and the weekend will be warmer and dryer.

Ideal gardening and outdoor temperatures will prevail with typical Maytime sunshine highs in the 70's.

Last rites held for fire victims

Funeral services were held Thursday at Concord Baptist Church for the four people killed in the April 28 fire at 5110 Belleville Ave.

The Fire Department Arson Squad says the cause of the fire is not definite, but, "It was probably a pot of food left on the stove unattended.

The dead are Michael Johnson, 19; Vickie Johnson, 4; Patricia A. Garnett, 7 and Andrea Mayes, 5, all buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

All were found in the second and third floor bedrooms by firemen.

The Rev. C. H. Churn, told the 200 mourners, "This physical life comes to an end, but the real life which is the soul survives and lives on."

Those who escaped the fire are Homer Camon, 25, of W. North Ave.; Miss Joyce Johnson, 22; Miss Annette Johnson, 16; Lorenzo Veney, a 21-year-old neighbor was treated for facial burns.

Others who escaped are Miss Yaslin Taylor, 19, 3000 block Dupont Ave., who jumped from the third floor window and is being treated at Provident Hospital for facial cuts and smoke inhalation.

Miss Janice Johnson, 18, is in City Hospitals with third degree burns.

Maceo Johnson, 21 months, was revived by firemen with mouth to mouth resuscitation.

All the time of the fire, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Mayes, parents of the deceased were out of town visiting relatives.

Rev. Matthew R. Silver called the AFRO to say: "Contributions may be sent to Concord Baptist Church, 5204 Liberty Heights Ave. in care of Rev. Matthew R. Silver. Mr. and Mrs. Mayes' children attended Sunday school at Concord Baptist Church.

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FATHER PATRICK HENRY FRANKLIN

Fr. Franklin wins appeal

Maryland Court of Special Appeals has overturned the Criminal Court of Baltimore verdict charging Father Patrick Henry Franklin, a popular city minister, with hand gun violation and ordered a new trial.

Reversing the decision, the Appeals Court ruled it is satisfied with the defense contention that the 54-year-old minister was tried on his religious beliefs rather than on the murder charge.

"The business affairs of St. Martin's Church were wholly collateral, irrelevant, and immaterial to any use in this case. We hold that the evidence admitted on the subject was prejudicial, and requires reversal of the judgment," the court ruled.

The court also observed:

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Masons plan restoration of homes

One of the most unique activities in the history of property maintenance will be held Saturday, May 3, at 9 a.m. at the Eutaw Gardens Apartment Development.

These properties, owned by the Prince Hall Masons, are of significance, because the investment of the Fraternal Order suggests an urgency of some kind of demonstration, which will be helpful to the residents and will be an example to those who are involved in similar developments.

The ownership has determined, on a voluntary basis, that some 300 of its members will assemble at the Masonic Temple at 1301 Eutaw Pl. at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and will march from there to the Eutaw Gardens, where they will fix up, paint up, mow lawns, repair fixtures, and generally refurbish the facility sufficient to make it a point of pride.

Last rites held for 'JJ' Johnson

"We must look at life as just a time passing through. A time to make preparations to say goodbye to our friends and say good morning to the sunshine, a sunshine that never stops shining."

The Rev. Darneal F. Johnson was speaking at the Thursday noon funeral services for Johnny (J.J.) Johnson, 42, who died of a heart attack April 27 at his Town and Country apartment, 9 Greenbury Ct.

Speaking before the 100 persons gathered in the Wayland Baptist Church, the Rev. Mr. Johnson said, "In life we find out that there will be some sad moments. . .moments when we go through a bad storm. Surely, Johnny had some of these moments but there comes a time when all the storms end."

Mr. Johnson, one of the original members of the Thirty Flats, a club of professional businessmen, was remembered by his fellow members as a "warm, congenial and understanding person who loved the life he lived and lived the life he loved."

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His family stated, "Today we come to pay tribute to a man who asked the world no favors. He paid his way.

"Those of us who are left take comfort in the knowledge that Johnny has stepped up into class. You can almost hear him say wherever he is . . . 'I can handle it.' "

Mourners could be heard sobbing as the soloist, Mrs. Marie Shaw sang "Precious Lord."

At the conclusion of the one-hour service, friends and relatives carried the more than three dozen floral arrangements out of the church. The funeral procession en route for burial at Arbutus Memorial Park included 30 cars, two limousines for the family and the hearse.

Members of the Thirty Flats who served as pallbearers are Charles Burman, Lee Brown, Haywood Nelson, Mack Henderson, Garnett (TV Tank) Budd, Vertis Johnson, Otis Brister, Woody Herman and Clayton Tucker.

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Born in Baton, N.C. on January 24, 1933, Mr. Johnson was the son of the late Jesse and Mrs. Maude Johnson.

He attended public schools in North Carolina and later served in the Korean War, where he earned the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Johnson was a well-known bartender and mixologist in Baltimore, California and New Jersey.

At the time, he was bartender at the very popular Club Harlem in Atlantic City, N.J. He had returned to Baltimore from California just a year ago and was employed at Byron's West and until his death at the Room Upstairs, Baker St. and Fulton Ave.

Survivors are two sons, Johnny J. Johnson and Johnny Johnson Jr.; two daughters, Muriel and Sylvia Johnson; and three sisters, Mrs. Ann Tilghman, Mrs. Grace Armstrong and Mrs. Ada Wells, all of Baltimore.

JOHNNY (JJ) JOHNSON

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 11th

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GUESS WHAT SHE DOES — Her name's Miss Cynthia Scott, shown here at work. You can find out about her unique job by turning to the AFRO's This Week We Salute feature inside on the editorial page.

Private session May 9 sets stage for Patterson evaluation

Larry Gibson is Dr. Patterson's lawyer

Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson has chosen Attorney Larry S. Gibson, former School Board member, as his lawyer during a private session with the School Board May 9.

At that time, Dr. Patterson will be given the opportunity to present any information he feels necessary in determining his evaluation.

Mr. Gibson said this morning (Friday):

"Although the board announced that it is adopting the California criteria with only minor changes" actually it has left out over two-thirds of it.

"But, most importantly, what has left out included the most meaningful and relevant criteria, namely the criteria which seek to determine performance.

"Instead, the board selected only that portion of the California criteria which seeks to assess personality, how he relates to various groups, a sort of nice-guy-evaluation.

"Running a major urban school system is not a popularity contest."

Mr. Gibson said he is going to protect his client and see that relevant criteria are used for the evaluation.

"If they are going to use the California criteria, use it all and not the most important part," he said.

A public hearing may be scheduled when the board completes the evaluation, if members of the board raise the issue of continuing the superintendent's services.

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In the April 30 letter, Mr. Ramsey states, "Once evaluation has been completed, we would avail you of the opportunity to review such evaluation and to comment thereon prior to formulating it as a final evaluation."

The board met in an informal session April 27 to determine what guidelines it would use to make the evaluation.

Dr. Patterson requested April 17 that the board evaluate his four years of service as superintendent.

EVALUATION QUESTIONS

The evaluation questions are:

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BOARD

Keeps the board informed on issues, needs, and operation of the school system.

Offers professional advice to the board on items requiring board action, with appropriate recommendations based on thorough study and analysis.

Interprets and executes the intent of board policy.

Seeks and accepts constructive criticism of his work.

Supports board policy and actions to the public and staff.

Has a harmonious working relationship with the board.

Understands his role in administration of board policy, makes recommendations for employment or promotion of personnel in writing and with supporting data, and accepts responsibility for his recommendations. If the recommendation is questioned by the board, he finds another person to recommend.

Receives recommendations for personnel from board members with an open mind but applies the same criteria for his selection for recommendation as he applies to applications from other sources.

Accepts his responsibility for maintaining liaison between the board and personnel, working toward a high degree of understanding and respect between the staff and the board and the board and the staff.

Remains impartial toward the board, treating all board members alike.

Refrains from criticism of individual or group members of the board.

Goes immediately and directly to the board when he feels an honest, objective difference of opinion exists between him and any or all members of the board, in an earnest effort to resolve such difference immediately.

Feels free to explain his opposition to matters under discussion by the board until an official decision has been reached, after which time he subordinates his own views to those of the board as long as he remains in its employ.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Gains respect and support of the community on the conduct of the school operation.

Solicits and gives attention to problems and opinions of all groups and individuals.

Develops friendly and cooperative relationships with news media.

Participates actively in community life and affairs.

Achieves status as a community leader in public education.

Works effectively with public and private agencies.

STAFF AND PERSONNEL RELATIONSHIPS

Develops and executes sound personnel procedures and practices.

Develops good staff morale and loyalty to the organization.

Treats all personnel fairly, without favoritism or discrimination, while insisting on performance of duties.

Delegates authority to staff members appropriate to the position each holds.

Recruits and assigns the best available personnel in terms of their competencies.

Encourages participation of appropriate staff members and groups in plan-

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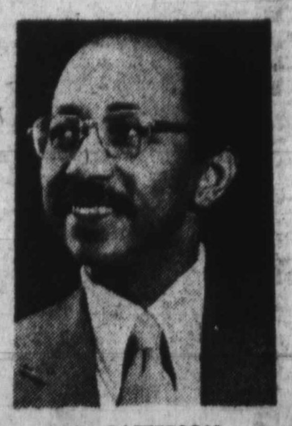

DR. PATTERSON

Second Coming?

Allegations that a "talking baby" has just been born at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital have been refuted by the hospital's associate public information director, Don Larson.

A number of calls, some of the callers describing their sources as very reliable, state a baby born in the hospital about a week ago, uttered "God is coming, Get prepared." Since then the baby has been talking according to some of the callers, and what the baby says may be termed "a prophecy."

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Commenting on the reports, Mr. Larson said, "So far as I know that's not true. It didn't happen here. I'm curious to know how a story like this started."

If such a child exists, AFRO would like to know and the parents are encouraged to call the AFRO. The child's existence might be the greatest event since Jesus Christ.

Lottery winners

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