



Creeks Leave Belmont Homes Wrecked; Red Cross, S. A. Give Relief

The old quip about Nebraska weather (which isn't any worse than any place else) is that if you don't like it, wait five minutes and it will change. The change to rain and plenty of it, on Friday afternoon, July 8, brought three creeks in Belmont, North Lincoln suburb, over their banks and sent torrents of silt-laden water up to five feet deep over some 32 blocks of the residential area.

The flood was described by Mrs. Corena Williams, 938 Saunders as "twice as bad" as the inundation to two years ago when her home also fell victim of a Salt creek flood. Mrs. Williams, her granddaughter, Patience Riley, and the family of William Brown were the only Negro families washed out as some 200 persons were made homeless and damage in the many thousands of dollars was done to homes and gardens. Mrs. Williams and Patience were dragged to safety by three unnamed heroes of the disaster when water from Flounder creek, near her home, had cut them off from escape.

Emergency facilities were set up in the Belmont community center under the direction of Joe Fenton, local Red Cross disaster director. Firemen and policemen gave their aid too in helping Red Cross workers rescue people marooned by highwater and swift currents. The Red Cross also furnished food for a number of families until their homes were accessible. The Salvation Army and the Community Emergency center aided the Red Cross in furnishing clothing to families that lost everything in the sudden high water.

Rainfall in the Belmont area was the highest for any city area with 3.19 inches for the day reported at the airport. Downtown Lincoln received 2.40 inches, College View 2.30 and University Place 3.00 inches. Cause of the flood was said to have been the inability of the large amount of water to pass under the bridges at 9th and Nance, 9th and Belmont and 10th and Cornhusker Hiway. Water began backing up there and spread northward.

Grand Lodge To Meet July 20-22

The Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons for Nebraska and jurisdiction, will hold its 31st session in Omaha July 20-22. The sessions are scheduled for the Masonic hall at 26th and Blondo streets according to Mr. Clayton P. Lewis, grand master.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the many well-wishers who sent cards, flowers and gifts to help during the illness of Mrs. Emma Anderson while she was in Lincoln.—Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Jones.

Bishop Walls, Dr. B. Mays At World Council

CHICHESTER, England. (ANP). Bishop W. J. Walls of the AME Zion church and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse college are among 90 members of the Central committee of the World Council of Churches meeting here July 9-15.

This committee is responsible for all World council work between the general assemblies held every five years. It receives reports, makes statements of policy, and determines future action. This is its first meeting since the founding assembly meeting in Amsterdam last summer.

Co-operating in this worldwide church movement are 154 Protestant and Orthodox church denominations in 44 nations. More than 30,000,000 Americans are represented in the council.

One of the aims of this meeting is to discover a church man's basis for "The Responsible Society." Also the status of religion behind the iron curtain and outside, too, will be discussed.

Univ. of Colorado Recognizes Two Negro Alumni

Two alumni of the University of Colorado have been given recognition by their alma mater for the good work they have done. They are Lucius H. Henegan, information specialist with the Farmers Home Administration who was cited in the "Colorado Alumnus" last March and Anthony Ray, music major.

Henegan, who graduated from the university's college of journalism in 1930, entered government service in 1942 as an information specialist with the Farm Security Administration. Though Henegan says he misses "the pungent odor of printer's ink, the roar of the press room and the metallic chatter of the linotype machines," his work has the "challenge offered by doing a job for and serving a lot of disadvantaged people through the facilities of government." A resident of Washington, D. C., he served last

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HOUSING BILL PASSES

New York Gov. Lauds Anti-Bias Commission

ALBANY, N. Y. (ANP). Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York praised the work of the State Commission Against Discrimination on its fourth birthday, July 1.

Speaking of the commission's work, he lauded it for the cases it has taken care of to date, and praised labor and management for accepting the law. He said:

"To me the most encouraging section of the report is the statement that there has been almost universal acceptance of the law by all concerned—by employers, labor unions, and employment agencies alike.

"As a result thousands of decent, honest citizens of our state who otherwise might have been deprived of gainful employment because of prejudice, are now taking their rightful places among hardworking men and women of our Empire state."

July 17 To Be Dr. Bunche Day In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES. (ANP). Sunday, July 17, has been proclaimed Ralph Bunche day in Los Angeles by Mayor Fletcher Bowron. Dr. Bunche will be here to receive the Spingarn medal at the 40th annual meeting of the NAACP, now in progress here, July 12-19.

For the convention, the Downtown Hotel Men's association assured Thomas L. Griffith, for 15 years president of the local branch NAACP, there will be no racial bias in downtown hotels.

Decision To Wait Till 5th Month On Fate of Twins

LOS ANGELES. (ANP). A decision to separate the month old Siamese twin daughters of Mrs. John Jones cannot be made until they are five months old, Dr. Phoebys Berman, medical director of General hospital, said last week.

He said at this time it will be known whether the babies have separate circulatory systems or not. They are joined together by their heads, but have separate bodies. Their names are Gladys Yvonne and Mary Yvette.

If they have a common breathing system, an operation to separate them will pose an extreme surgical problem, Dr. Berman said.

Congressmen Powell And Dawson Split Over Issue Of No-Segregation Amendment

BY ALICE A. DUNNIGAN

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The federal housing bill passed the House by a vote of 228 to 185, and was sent into conference to iron out the slight differences between the House and Senate measures. The bill passed without the anti-segregation amendment which was introduced from the floor by Rep. James G. Fulton (r., Pa.).

The two Negro congressmen were divided in their opinion of such an amendment. Cong. William L. Dawson (d., Ill.) was one of the 168 who opposed such an amendment while Cong. Adam C. Powell (d., N. Y.) was among the 130 who favored it.

NC Nurses Are Integrated Into One Association

RALEIGH, N. C. (ANP). Negro nurses and white nurses in North Carolina will work together from now on in one integrated organization. Last week the North Carolina State association of Negro Registered Nurses at its 27th annual meeting voted to dissolve so that its members could join the previously white North Carolina State Nurses association.

Nine months ago, the white group voted to admit Negro nurses to the organization. The Negro group's action was taken in the light of this action.

Mrs. Marie B. Noell, executive secretary of the white group, said:

"Since all citizens of North Carolina need adequate nursing care and since the professional nursing organizations are to a great degree responsible for such care, I believe that the action taken this morning by the N. C. Association of Negro Registered Nurses, Inc., to dissolve its state organization of 27 years' standing and to associate itself wholly with the N. C. State Nurses' association will be a great asset in promoting nursing services for all North Carolinians."

Saperstein Wins Over Des Moines Team For Name

DES MOINES, Ia. (ANP). A court order by Federal Judge Charles A. Dewey last week enjoined a local sports promoter from using the term Globe Trotters in any way in connection with Negro professional basketball team.

Bobby Grund was told that he could no longer use the name made famous by the Harlem Globe Trotters owned and coached by Abe M. Saperstein of Chicago.

Saperstein originally filed suit for \$50,000 damages against Grund. He got all he demanded except the \$50,000.

Mr. Fulton's amendment stated that "There shall be no discrimination against any persons because of race, color, religion or national origin in the rental or occupancy of any housing constructed under the provisions of this act." He suggested that a vote be taken on it so that the people could see where everybody stands. He said that this same amendment has been adopted in the 1949 Housing acts in Pennsylvania on a bipartisan basis. If it can work in Pennsylvania he said he saw no reason why it should not work nationally.

He could not understand, he continued, why the Democratic organizations asks Congress to vote against one of the principles the party stands for. "Here is your chance to get both the principles—housing, with no discrimination."

When a division vote was asked on the amendment, the G. O. P. side of the house began to yell for Roosevelt. "Where is Roosevelt?" they asked while young Franklin D. Roosevelt, jr., voted along with the majority of the Democrats to defeat the amendment. Only 12 Democrats and the one American Labor party representative voted along with the Republicans to include such an amendment in the bill.

Except for a few minor differences that must be take care of the bill as the joint house-senate committee look it over calls for:

1. Federal contributions up to \$308,000,000 a year for 40 years toward the construction of 810,000 public housing unit at a low cost rent.
2. Five year slum clearance program with the federal government providing one-third of the cost and the local units the other two-thirds.
3. A \$265,000,000 farm housing program especially for loans to farmers who cannot get credit elsewhere.



DELEGATES AT 44TH ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL-BTU CONGRESS—Part of the 10,000 delegates who attended the 44th Annual Sunday School and BTU Congress in Memphis, Tenn., last week. The group assembled in front of Ellis auditorium following an address by the Congress president, Dr. W. H. Jernagin of Washington, D. C., who can be seen in the center of the first row, with hand on sign. (ANP)