

# Economic HIGHLIGHTS

happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

The end of 1933 so far as business is concerned was characterized by marked improvement in some basic lines smaller improvement in others and retrogression in only a few. The business indexes covering the year present a strange confusing picture. When the summer upward surge started in direct opposition to usual seasonal tendencies it was hoped and believed that it would continue. An unlooked for fall drop which was also opposed to the seasonal experience of other years followed. Gloom was deepest at that time. Then business started up again and December was a good month. Early reports indicate that department store sales shot up beyond expectations. Commodity prices were strong. Consumers' goods industries especially were active.

In brief 1933 did not see the progress that was hoped for. The emergency relief measures have been something of a disappointment to even their creators. The Agricultural Adjustment Act has been particularly unsuccessful. But during the year a start toward recovery was made and the public morale strengthened—a strengthening which has never been more evident than it is now with 1934 opening.

Notes on business follow:  
 **COMMODITY PRICES**—In January the commodity price index stood at 61. By July it had moved up to 68. The advance has continued without a major break.

**DOMESTIC TRADE**—Every effort of the Administration since March has been given to moving more goods into the hands of consumers. It has been moderately successful in the face of definite consumer opposition to higher prices. Of late trade in urban areas has been less satisfactory than in the major agricultural centers. Most striking advances in sales have been made by mail order houses.

**EMPLOYMENT**—Here is where the greatest achievement of the year has been made. Every month has witnessed definite advances in both workers employed and compensation received. Factory employment was 20 per cent higher this October than last—payrolls 33 and one third per cent higher. In the non-manufacturing industries employment gains were reported for 11 out of 16 industries reviewed. Only in the bituminous coal industry has there been a significant labor drop and that was largely due to labor difficulties with attendant strikes and lockouts.

**FINANCE**—Generally speaking excellent work has been done in strengthening the banking structure. Banks which were closed before the moratorium have been opened by the hundreds millions in frozen assets have been thawed out. Excess reserves of Federal Reserve banks recently reached an unprecedented total of close to \$900,000,000. Government credit has been extraordinarily strong with issues being sold out as soon as announced.

**FOREIGN TRADE**—Lately United States foreign trade has expanded sharply both in volume and balance. Exports have increased over imports leaving us with a sizeable balance of trade. The recognition of Russia recently effected is expected to produce a considerable inflation of our export business.

**REAL ESTATE**—In October for which complete figures have been issued construction contracts awarded were with a single exception the best for any month since November 1931. The industry had a bad year but improvement is setting in.

**RAILROADS**—1932 brought many railroads to the verge of bankruptcy endangered others. In 1933 business was better profits were up. Most encouraging of all to the railroad managements is the friendly attitude of the Administration.

**UTILITIES**—Here the experience was not as favorable as was hoped. Sale of power in many localities has risen. But profits have dwindled due to tax and legislative policies which increased costs made it impossible to meet them by raising the price of power to the public. Still another threat is government competition.

**AGRICULTURE**—The farmer was cheered by the AAA when it was passed. Then he was drastically disappointed. Strikes and disapproval followed. A few months ago agricultural income when adjusted to living costs was lower than ever. Now improvement has started in many fields more optimism is evident both in Administration and farm circles.

**LMBER**—No important industry experienced so sharp an advance in prices as lumber—and none was more at sea over what to do with them. Generally speaking the price advance was close to 50 per cent during the year. Orders have likewise

# FOUR OMAHANS KILLED IN CRASH

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# City Housing Project To Cost Million

## May Brothers In Auto Crash

**NAY BROTHERS; WELL KNOWN OMAHA ENTERTAINERS IN AUTO TRAIN CRASH**

Four Omahans enroute to Flint; Michigan were killed Thursday morning March 14th when the car in which they were riding crashed by a freight train on the Grand Truck Line. Those killed were: Lawrence Nay and his wife; Gladys Nay; Hurlie Nay and Harry Nay twin brothers. Two others Gypsy Nay and Minnie Smith were seriously injured. The crash victims were on their way to fulfill an entertainment engagement at one of the Flint; Michigan Restaurants. The Nay Brothers will be remembered as the proprietors of the Cabaret that was opened at the Elks Building last spring. They formerly lived at 2619 Seward Street.

## Gas Rates Reduced Ninth Time

**Ninth Gas Reduction Becomes Effective This Month**

Omaha gas consumers paying their February bill this month are receiving the benefit of a reduction in the price of domestic gas; the ninth the Metropolitan Utilities District has put into effect since 1920. This reduction appears on all gas bills for February with the exception of those for the minimum of 500 cubic feet per month.

The minimum price remains at 75 cents; while the price cut affects two brackets of consumers.

1. Those using from 500 to 4500 cubic feet per month receive a reduction of from 65 cents to 60 cents a thousand cubic feet.

2. Those using over 10,000 cubic feet per month receive a cut from 56 cents to 55 cents a thousand cubic feet.

This step which Ralph G. Coad, chairman of the board of directors; said was warranted by a financial study of the gas plant for 1933; was recommended by a committee composed of Frank J. Burkley and Francis P. Matthews. The board voted unanimously for the reduction.

A comparison between the gas rates for 1933 and the new rates; as given out by utilities engineers shows:

	Dec. 1933	New Rate
1000 c. f. ....	\$1.30	\$1.05
2000 c. f. ....	2.40	1.85
3000 c. f. ....	3.50	2.25
4000 c. f. ....	4.60	2.85
5000 c. f. ....	5.70	3.45

The Utilities District's 1933 financial statement; which was published recently shows total assets of \$22,580,543.60. Total liabilities are listed at \$8,344,444.74; while the excess of assets over liabilities is \$14,236,098.86.

## Accidentally Shot

Daniel Bell; 49 years old 2417 North 22nd Street was accidentally shot in the right hip by Roy Williams Fort Omaha soldier.

Williams is reported to have been cleaning the gun; a 32 calibre automatic and in some manner was accidentally discharged. The bullet passed through the kitchen and bedroom doors striking Bell in the right hip. The police station was called and Bell was taken to the Lord Lister Hospital where he was attended by Dr. Lennox. No arrests were made.

S. Tregor McWilliams Speaker at North Side "Y"

"Has the NRA Benefited the Negro" will be the subject of the Sunday afternoon forum at the North

## Two Killed In Saturday Night Brawl

### Daisy Lampkin To Address N.A.A.C.P.

### Former Omahan Dead At Joliet

**FORMER OMAHAN DIES AT JOLIET**

Mrs. Warren Brooks died March 4th; 1934; at the home of her daughter in Joliet; Illinois after a lingering illness of nineteen months. She was preceded in death by her husband; the late Warren Brooks of Omaha; Nebraska October 1; 1931. They lived in happy wedlock for fifty eight years. After the death of her husband she was never really happy. She joined the Church at the age of eighteen and lived a faithful servant to God. Mrs. Brooks was a member of St. John's A. M. E. Church of Omaha for thirty seven years. Surviving are two daughters; Mrs. W. E. Day of Joliet Illinois; Mrs. Sue Garner of Los Angeles California. Two grand children Mrs. L. V. Berry Chicago Illinois and Henderson. Funeral from Kersey; McGowan and Morsell funeral home March 7th. Rev. Archibald Cary Jr. officiating; Interment in Lincoln Cemetery in Chicago Illinois.

## Club Heard Over Radio Stations

Members of the Modern Priscilla Art and Study Club were heard over stations KICK and KFAB last Thursday morning at 10:30 in a 30 minute program. The program was made up of club talent exclusively and was rated as one of the best local broadcast programmes of our group.

The opening number was the National Negro Anthem—"Lift Every Voice and Sing" by Mrs. Gladys Clayter; Mrs. Ethel Brown and Mrs. M. E. Sterling; Mrs. Sterling accompanied.

Mrs. Francis Covington played a beautiful classic; Mrs. Mills followed with the reading of several original poems; Mrs. Clayter rendered their very beautiful number; "One fleeting Hour" and the Programme closed with the reading of the President's talk by the vice-president Mrs. Lillian Mills.

The entire programme was considered a huge success and well accepted by the public. We were extended a hearty invitation to return at an early date by the Radio officials.

## Anti Lynching Mass Meetings Asked to Support Senate Bill

NEW YORK March 14—An appeal for the holding of Anti lynching mass meetings in every city town and hamlet to roll up sentiment for the Costigan Wagner anti lynching bill and to collect funds to aid in the fight for its passage has been issued by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to its branches throughout the country by Walter White secretary.

It is desired that mass meetings should be organized with prominent persons in each community as speakers and that a substantial collection be taken to finance the fight. All monies should be forwarded as quickly as possible to the national office 69 Fifth avenue as the campaign already is suffering for lack of funds.

"We are receiving scores of appeals for lynching information from

## Liquor And Abuse Given As Causes

On Sunday March 12 Henry Johnson; 114 South 13th was killed at that address by Elmer Branc.

Johnson was supposed according to police reports to have been beating and abusing Miss Mary Washington. He struck her with a chair; then Elmer Branc went in the kitchen where they were fighting to aid Miss Washington who was his sister. Branc struck Johnson in the head with an ax; inflicting wounds causing his death. Johnson was pronounced dead by Dr. Atwood who was called to attend him.

The body was taken to the Lewis Mortuary. Branc was then arrested and booked for investigation. Miss Washington was also arrested and booked as a State witness. Other witnesses were: Estelle Allen; Charles Spates; all living at the same address 1114 South 13th street.

The ax was brought to the police station by Detective Sergeant Phalen and placed in the evidence cabinet at desk.

Branch when taken before Judge Neelie produced a letter by which he hoped to obtain his freedom on the grounds of protecting his sister. Neelie on returning the letter to Captain Franks said that it would have to be taken up with the district attorney. It was not the duty of the police department to turn the man loose on such ridiculous irregularity.

Judge Neelie said; "I must protect the police department as well as you or myself."

Wesley Nelson; 917 North 25th Street; shot and killed Jessie McCloud 916 1/2 North 25th Street Saturday March 11 with a shot gun at McCloud's home. The fight is according to the report of the police to have started over the purchase of two bottles of liquor by Nelson from McCloud.

## WHITE STORE MANAGER ROBS NEEDEY COLORED FAMILIES OF RELIEF PROVISIONS

WASHINGTON March 13—(CNS)—Stewart M. Keyser 27 year old white grocery manager has been arrested charged with "diverting Government property to his own use."

Keyser was arrested after several complaints reached an official of the Emergency Relief Division of the Board of Public Welfare that he was swindling in filling orders on relief slips. His store in Southeast Washington was used to fill orders on relief slips presented to needy Washingtonians the most of whom were Negro families.

## HEAD OF ORDER OF MOSES DIES AT AGE OF 75

BALTIMORE Md. March 13—(CNS)—Solomon Bond for thirty two years Grand Master of the Ancient United Order of Sons and Daughters of Moses died here at his home last week.

Under his leadership the organization grew rapidly and his death found the organization with flourishing lodges in the States of Connecticut Rhode Island New York Maryland and Pennsylvania and in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bond was the oldest trustee of Metropolitan Church as well as member of the Masonic Fraternity.

## Plans Being Laid For Big Housing Project

**400 FAMILIES TO BE BENEFITED, NORTH AND SOUTH OMAHA INCLUDED**

A joint North and Southside housing project, which will cost about one million dollars will be started this spring. After Mayor Towl and Mr. J. M. Hamilton assistant to the Federal Housing director at Washington met, a plan was outlined.

The mayor proposes: To reduce the zone of the North side project about one half.

To extend the Southside project so as to cover a large part of the "stock yards district."

"The need for improved housing conditions is imperative" the mayor said. We found houses where windows were broken out and boarded up. We were all very much impressed."

The Northside area includes the block southwest of Kellom School—between Twenty third and Twenty-fourth streets from Charles to Seward; then goes east on Seward to Twenty second; then north to Clark and east to the alley between Twentieth and Twenty Second Street then south to the alley south of Paul Street and west to the Kellom school.

## Large Vote Predicted

DALLAS Texans March 14—As a result of the decision of the federal court in El Paso last month awarding damages to Dr. L. A. Nixon for his having been barred from the Democratic primary election there last spring it is predicted that many Negro citizens of Texas will take part in the state primaries July 28.

There are still a few die hards among the whites who claim other ways to bar Negroes from exercising the ballot will be found but the general opinion among white people is that the fight against qualified Negroes voting should be dropped.

The latest report is that the state executive committee of the party is divided on the question of further action against colored people with a majority said to be in favor of allowing Negroes to vote when they meet the qualifications.

Challenge Bar in Alabama and Virginia

ROANOKE Va. March 14—At its meeting last night the Roanoke branch of the NAACP. considered plans for getting Negro voters to participate in the primary election April 3. The city electoral board voted early this week to bar Negroes under certain sections of the state law.

MOBILE Ala. March 14—Ways and means for getting Negro voters into the May primary election in this state are being considered by the Mobile branch of the NAACP. A court fight is in prospect if the plans of white people to bar Negroes are carried out.

## LYNCH HEARINGS BROADCAST WINS NAACP NEW MEMBERS

NEW YORK March 14—The nationwide broadcast of the anti lynching hearings before the Senate judiciary sub committee in Washington on February 20 21 was heard by Charles Rawlings William Amos Tenyson Rouette and Williams Gentry of Detroit Michigan. As a result of what they heard over their radios these four men have sent in their dollar memberships to the National Association for the Advancement for Colored People.

## HOWARD UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL PAY GET NOW HOME WASHINGTON March 14—(CNS)

—A new building for the Howard University School of Law maybe built next year on "the hill" to replace the present building downtown opposite the courthouse.

The district includes about twelve square blocks and will give homes to about two hundred families.

The Southside project has been extended south to V Street. From thirty first and V the line goes north to T street; east to thirtieth; north to the alley south of Q street; east to Twenty seventh then south to V and west to Thirty first.

The mayor said that it is a possibility of the boundaries being changed. There will also be about two hundred homes for families here.

## Goodrich Makes Attractive Offer To Omaha

The Goodrich Silvertown Tire Company makers of the Famous Goodrich tires and batteries with branch offices at 20th and Douglas Streets is offering a new and attractive plan for purchasing high class tires and batteries outlined in their advertisement on Page 2 of this paper.

Mr. E. R. Moss; the manager says that he wants it expressly known that this offer is open to each and every car and truck owner alike and that this is no red tape whatso ever.

The Goodrich Silvertown is also an employer of colored help. Frank McGaugh; 2621 Grand Street a n d Jefferson Smith; 1434 North 22nd street on their staff of employees.

For further information see their 'ad' on page two.

## Passes Radio Audition

Mr. Edward Anthony 2712 Charles Street well known Omaha boy passed his audition at the WAAV Studio last Monday March 12th. Mr. Anthony has a low sweet tenor voice and will sing spirituals and sacred numbers. He was accompanied at the piano by Miss Mildred Bronson. You will probably be able to hear his programs on Sunday mornings.

## MISSISSIPPI SOLONS VOTE FATHER RIGHT TO HANG THREE NEGROES

JACKSON Miss. March 14—(CNS)—Over strong opposition the State Senate passed a bill enabling the father of an up State girl victim of three colored assaulters to hang the convicted trio at Hernando March 16. The vote was 19 to 16.

Supporters of the measure told the Senate that an agreement had been made with the father by Adjutant General Thomas Grayson of the National Guard to ask the sheriff of De Soto County to permit the father to spring the trap if he a resident of Holly Springs would prevent a mob from attempting to seize the men at their trial at Hernando three weeks ago.

Senator R. Clay Collins of Myrtle cousin of the assault victim told the Senate that the father "consented with reluctance to let the law take its course" and wrote a note to the mob. The bill is intended only be apply to the Hernando case and its another said to would introduce a bill March 17 the day after the execution to repeal the act.