

Mid City Kitten Ball League Opens With A Bang; Wilsons, Globe Trotters & Mercurys Win



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THANKS—

Great strides have been made in the field of sports in the last three years, previous to this time Negro sports enthusiasts in the younger groups had no means of gratifying this desire. For the three years basketball has been predominate as a major sport, with the Senior league at Omaha University and Woodson Center affording athletes and public lovers of clean sports entertainment twice a week for a period of three months each year. Too much credit cannot be given to the officers of the league for their understanding and tireless efforts to make this league a success.

Fred Dixon, ex-Tech High and Omaha University athlete, as president; with Martin Thomas as vice president; Travis Dixon as secretary; William Ware as treasurer and George Curry, reporter, has been the major factor in a cause that has reached a peak of success with no financial backing.

Fred Dixon, a social worker has made a study of community conditions and with this thorough knowledge community conditions and with thih thorough knowledge of human needs and desires is a fitting exponent to carry on this work and to him we tender this vote of thanks.

MID CITY MEMBER OF NATIONAL DIAMOND ASSOCIATION

The Bee News Diamond Ball Association, is subsidiary of the National Diamond Ball Association and is governed by all their rules and regulations. All teams playing under the Bee-News are registered members of the National Diamond Ball Association. Winners are eligible to play in the national tournament championships.

They will use the sixty foot diamond, thirty-seven foot pitching box and the twelve inch in seam or out seam, either will be accepted. Four leagues have been formed throughout the city, with the Mid City Junior and Senior leagues bring the total to six. Six teams registered so far and with plans for church leagues in the making any teams wishing to enter see Marty Thomas.

KITTEN BALL NO GAME FOR SOFTIES

Ever since kitten ball started to become popular about three years ago, I have heard remarks from a lot of hard ball players that the game is for softies. I would like to see a lot of you fellows who play hard ball get into a game, with even the small boys and I'll wager that you don't even hit that big ball near as much as they do.

Kittenball, or indoor baseball, call it as you will, is played with ten men on a side and with a small bat and large ball. When professionals play it, it can't be a game for softies.

MABLE WHITE INCIDENT NOT CLOSED; WHITE TELLS COPELAND

Washington, March 23.—In a strong letter to Senator Royal S. Copeland (Dem. N. Y.), chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has scored the effort of the New York senator to close the incident. On March 12 the Association's board of directors at its monthly meeting condemned the brutal assault of Miss Mabel Byrd and the refusal to serve her in the Senate office building restaurant, and requested an immediate investigation of the incident. On March 14 Mr. White wrote to Senator Copeland advising him of the board's resolution and requesting notification of the time and date of hearings on the matter so the Association might have witnesses present to testify. To this the senator replied that "I have personally taken action on the matter which you write and it is best to consider the incident closed."

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is greatly surprised at your letter of March 19," Mr. White replied, "regarding the Senate restaurant matter. Will you advise us what the personal action is which you have taken?" "A respected and respectable colored woman was brutally assaulted by employees of the Senate. We asked you as chairman of the Rules Committee for an investigation and punitive action against those responsible for this assault. On the available evidence and the situation as it is at present, we must decline to accept your dictum that it is best to consider the incident closed. If your committee will not act we shall have to resort to the courts and to every other means within our power to inform the country of the details of what appears to us to be an effort to hush up a thoroughly vicious situation."

N A A C P CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS OFF TO PACIFIC COAST

Pittsburgh, Pa. March 23.—Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, regional field secretary of the N. A. A. C. P. and

campaign director, left here last night on a swing to Pacific coast points and the Southwest which will not end until the annual conference of the association in Oklahoma City, Okla., the latter part of June. Her first stop will be a brief one in Chicago, then two days March 25 and 26 in Omaha, followed by March 28-29 in Salt Lake City Utah. She will visit Las Vegas, Nev. and Boulder Dam, arriving in Los Angeles March 31. One month will be spent with the Los Angeles and surrounding branches. May 1-6 Mrs. Lampkin will be in San Diego and from then until May 30 in the San Francisco area. She will come back by the southern route into Oklahoma, working in the southwest until the conference.

SIX YEAR FIGHT OF N. A. A. C. P. WINS PAROLE IN NORTH DAKOTA CASE

Bismark, N. D. March 23.—The long arm of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reaching out into this far northwest country, where there are only a few hundred Negroes in the entire state, succeeded this week in securing the parole of Claude Peoples after six years of untiring effort in Peoples, behalf. Peoples had served sixteen years of a life sentence for murder, but after he was convicted, new evidence was slowly uncovered which finally accomplished his parole. The N. A. A. C. P. became active in the case in February, 1928 but was handicapped because the nearest branches of the association were in Minnesota and South Dakota. Peoples was paroled to Mrs. Nina Summers, 1323 Armstrong avenue, Kansas City Kans.

CALIFORNIA CHURCH WOMEN BACKING COSTIGAN-WAGNER ANTI LYNCHING BILL

Oakland, Calif., March 23.—At its recent annual meeting, the Oakland Calif. council of Church Women voted unanimously in favor of the Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching bill upon the motion of Miss Delilah L. Beasley, noted colored newspaper woman and for years head of the

MID CITY CENTER SPONSORS TRACK MEET

Martin Thomas In Charge Of Events

The Mid City Community Center will sponsor a track meet Saturday March 31, at 22nd Paul Street, under the able direction of Marty Thomas.

The following plan has laid out: There will be three division those weighing one hundred pounds, those weighing 150 pounds, and those weighing 160 pounds or over. The first being call lightweight, the second, middleweight, and the third, heavyweight.

The events to be run are the 50 yard dash 75 yard dash, 100 yard dash and 220 yard dash. There will be in the field events, standing broad jump, running broad jump, the backward jump. Three relays will be run. The six man relays with each man running 40 yards, the 440 yard relay, each man runs 110 yards and the 880 yard relay, each man running 220 yards.

The events of the day will close with the Community singing at the center at 5 o'clock.

Bell Returns To Omaha

Theodore Bell, who left last week to play an engagement in Chicago with the Globe Trotters Basketball team, returned Thursday morning to Omaha.

Council's department of international and race relationships. The council represents 2000 white and 100 colored church women of Oakland. Letters were written to California's congressmen to back the anti-lynching bill.

The council is planning the organization of an interracial committee for Oakland as a result of the race relations institute held in the city last autumn.

SOUTH BEND CLUB GIVES \$45 TO N. A. A. C. P. FUND

New York, March 23.—The St. Pierre Ruffin Club of South Bend, Ind., has contributed \$45. to the 25th Anniversary Cent-a-Negro Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, through Mrs. Zoia Smith, its secretary.

COOPERATION OR WHAT?

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace advocates that we adopt a middle road between nationalism and internationalism. We would both sell and buy more abroad than we do at present. And an essential of that, as Mr. Wallace pointed out, is that about 25,000,000 acres of first-class agricultural land be retired from production. Acreage and crop control is the most persistent of agricultural problems now. Every farm economist, every qualified observer, every progressive farmer, knows the need of it. In certain agricultural fields—notably cotton—a large measure of success has been achieved in obtaining it, due to the intensive work of cotton cooperatives, whose membership includes a heavy percentage of the farmers of their areas.

Unorganized farmers, each pursuing his own policy irrespective of markets or price levels, are the great obstacles to crop regulation. They continue to produce surpluses that must be thrown into already glutted markets, forcing down prices—and governmental work has made hardly a dent. The way out is through more intensive voluntary cooperation. Cooperatives are essential to recovery and to prevent government regulation of farms.

And here is the best joke of the year—Puget Sound cities of Washington deeply in debt for municipally-owned electric plants, protest against competition of federally-owned hydro electric plants on the Columbia River, which threaten cheaper rates. These plants, are now getting a dose of their own medicine—competition from tax-exempt publicly-subsidized plants. Excuse us for laughing!

Maurice Hundus, born in Russia and its friendly critic, said, in a public address: "The poorest person in America has a better meal, better clothing and better bed than the richest in Russia." If such a statement had been made by other than one who has spent most of his life in Russia, it would be impossible to believe. And

LEAGUE GAME POSTPONED

The games in the 8 league were postponed Friday on account of the heavy snow that fell. This did not cause any set back because the league has begun quite early.

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT BEGINS

A horseshoe tournament, with twenty-three contestants was started this week at 22nd and Paul streets.

CITY WIDE TOURNAMENT TO BEGIN SOON

A city wide elimination checker tournament will be conducted by CWS Recreational personnel, under the direction of C. W. McCandless, beginning Monday, April 2 to April 6.

A beautiful silver loving cup will be donated by City Park Commissioner Frank E. Frost. The champion's name will be engraved on the trophy and will become in possession of any one winning three consecutive years. Entry blanks will be available at the Mid-City Center.

There will be no entry fee, but all contestants, must fill out entry blanks. All contestants must be sixteen years of age or older. The assignments and place drawing will take place on Thursday March 29.

Each contest will consist of three games; the winner of two out of three games being advanced.

Finals in all clubs or Centers must be finished by Friday, April 6. The champion and runner-up from each club or Center will then compete in the City wide finals on Saturday, April 7.

The Mid-City Center, one of the twenty centers and clubs, will be represented by Mr. Ben Dixon, former Nebraska State Checker Champion of 1927, and runner-up in second place in the recent state tournament, and his runner-up, Mr. Leslie E. Green, a rising young checker expert.

These two stellar players will probably place first and second.

in Russia capitalism has been wiped out for the benefit of the masses. Who is to blame for their suffering?

NRA PUSHING TOWARD JIM CROW CODE FOR NEGROES

Washington—(CNS)—The first code of fair competition, signed by President Roosevelt and promulgated by Hugh Johnson NRA Administrator, left the Negro workers of the South out of the picture and now John P. Davis, executive secretary of the Joint Committee on National Recovery, makes public what he terms as the "most vicious bit of propaganda thus far issued against Negro workers in the South."

The document is entitled, "The Subnormal Negro and the Sugnormal Code" and was released by J. F. Ames, white, of Montgomery, Ala.—an employer of several hundred Negro workers; and is being widely distributed.

The pamphlet which has been sent by the Selma, Alabama Chamber of Commerce to every Southern employer of Negro labor, declares in substance that Negro workers are less efficient than white workers, that they do not need as much to live on as white workers, and that they should receive about 30 per cent less in wages than white workers. A subnormal code for Negro workers is proposed in this pamphlet.

In his letter of transmittal, Ames stated: "We feel at the present time the issue in connection with rates for Negroes as compared with white people is paramount to every other issue and should be settled without unnecessary delay."

"We believe the industrial South can use this subnormal code for Negroes profitably in connection with white labor at higher rates and that the combination of the two races at their respective rates will provide an average rate which will enable the under mechanized industrial South to maintain its integrity."

Accompanying the letter was a statement purporting to show such authorities as Lothrop Stoddard that "unfortunately the African Negro must be played very low in the scale of intelligence and, consequently, at the bottom of worthwhile accomplishment in the affairs of the world since the beginning of time."

"The rates specified for the colored race," writes Ames, "in my judgment, and without any definite figure on the subject, properly applied and accepted by all, will very nearly double the earnings of the Negro race employed industrially and will afford them on the whole a better

MID CITY PING PONG TEAM IS WINNER

The Mid City ping pong team turned back the Benson paddle pusher at the Mid City gymnasium Friday night 7 to 1.

The scores: Singles—Foxy (Mid City) defeated R. Leedom (Benson) 21-7, 21-3; Swoboda (Benson) defeated McKinney (Mid City) 16-21, 21-16, 21-17; Epstein (Mid City) defeated Wichert (Benson) 21-12, 21-15; Garacuso (Mid City) defeated Coffield (Benson) 21-8, 21-9; Taylor (Mid City) defeated D. Leedom (Benson) 22-24, 21-15, 21-9; Folfe (Mid City) defeated Ghrig (Benson) 21-16, 21-14. Doubles—Foxy Epstein (Mid City) defeated Wichert—B. Leedom (Benson) 21-13, 21-17; Wolfe-Taylor (Mid City) defeated Swoboda-Gehrig (Benson) 21-18, 21-8.

Ethel Hodges Injured

Ethel Hodges, 19, of 2728 North Twenty-second street, was cut about the face and William Fenquay, 18 of 2615 U street was cut and bruised early Sunday morning, March 25, when the car in which they were riding crashed into an iron pole near Nineteenth and Ames Avenue.

The police charged Donald Rossetti, 2451 South Twentieth street, driver of the car with reckless driving.

living than they have enjoyed in the history of their existence and, as a matter of fact because of their simple wants, a better living than is possible for a white man or woman on the basis of their minimum rates of \$12.00 and \$13.00 a week."

Attached to the statement is a questionnaire asking such leading questions as, "Do you believe that the difference in industrial capability between white men and women and colored men and women is 25 to 30 per cent?" Southern employers sent the statement are also asked to contribute "a proportionate part of the expense incident to concerted effort to have these matters presented to the NRA."

Robbed By NRA

In commenting on the pamphlet, Davis said, "This pamphlet is gotten out by the same group of men responsible for driving a Negro minister out of Selma, because he refused to sign a petition for lower wages for Negroes. It is gotten out by the same group of men who were successful in getting a petition signed by a number of Negro leaders in Alabama asking that the Southland Manufacturing Company be allowed to pay its Negro employees 25 per cent below the NRA wage. It is gotten out by a group of men who have threatened to fire their Negro employees if they do not gain their point and who have already in several places discharged several hundred Negro employees as a warning to others not to kick. This group, spreading propaganda all through the South, have collected large sums of money to defeat the claims of Negro workers for a square deal. Recently a South Carolina congressman appeared at a code hearing and demanded that Negroes be paid 6 cents an hour less than whites. In dozens of codes the pleas of white Southerners have been allowed and Negro workers have been robbed by the NRA. What is so discouraging in all this, is that most of us are sitting idly by while the NRA is robbing the Negro workers of millions of dollars pay increases every week."

The Joint Committee executive promised that the Southern manufacturers would receive a hot reception when they brought their plea for a Negro NRA code to Washington. "Meanwhile we must have the support of all Negro citizens if we are to make our fight a success." The address of the Joint Committee is the Prudential Bank Building, Washington, D. C.

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RAILROADS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

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Railroads progress never ends. A number of lines are developing high speed, stream-lined passenger trains which mark a new high in safe, swift and certain land transportation. Con-

BIG 8 TEAM STANDING

Team	W	T	L	Pct.
Wilson All Stars	1	0	0	1000
Globe Trotters	1	0	0	1000
Mercurys	1	0	0	1000
Hitless Wonders	0	0	1	000
Chat "N" Nibble	0	0	1	000
Maroons	0	0	1	000

BATTING AVERAGES OF THE BIG 8 LEAGUE

Player	g	b	r	av.
Tincanney as Mercurys	1	3	3	1000
Rich'son of Mercurys	1	3	3	1000
J. White of Chat Nibble	1	2	2	1000
D. Stevens of Maroons	1	1	1	1000
Gant of Globe Trotters	1	1	1	0000
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MID CITY CENTER PREPS FOR TRACK

INDOOR CHAMPIONS HEAVY FAVORITES FOR OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

With the coming of warm days and a springy turf, Marty Thomas and his red jerseyed cinder artist will start in preparation for the outdoor track meet to be held April 23.

The Community Center champions will be strong in the sprints with the Lee brothers, Stewart and Goldston leading the senior division, and Taylor, McGruder and Brown, the middle weights; Whitner and Lazine, the lightweights; Anderson and Madison in the high jump, Elliot and Peterson in the weights are sure point winners.

The Senior relay team composed of H. Lee, C. Lee, Kaplan and Stewart, and the Junior sprint relate team of Taylor, Goldston, Brown and Kemp will defend their crowns.

Chief competition will come from Benson Community Center and the Friendship house, with both probable heavy point winners in field events.

Jobs—Taxes — Investments — Opportunities

The meaning of silver stimulation to the West can be aptly expressed in four words: Jobs, taxes, investments, opportunities.

A few years ago the mining industry, in a number of states, was by far the greatest employer and taxpayer. Half or more of the population derived its support from it—by jobs within the industry, and through the money spent for food, clothing and other necessities and luxuries, by mining workers.

Bring mining back and watch the recovery temperature rise. stant experiment is carried on to increase freight car speeds, improve and broden service, as in the case of door-to-door freight delivery, in making trains more quiet and comfortable, in improving signaling and safety devices, and so on. It is essential that legislation should be passed to give the railroads a better break in meeting competition. Such a law is in the making now and will probably appear during this congress. But the most encouraging of all railroad factors is the constant vision and progressiveness of railroad managements themselves.

Big 8 League Starts Out

The Mid City Center Big 8 kitten ball league opened with a bang, Tuesday. A large crowd witnessed some of the most erratic playing seen on the diamond for a long time, the Hitless Wonders topping all with eighteen errors chalked up against them.

The first game lasting only four innings, between the Globe Trotters and the Maroons, brought out the masterful qualities of Wicks, pitching for the Trotters, allowing only five hits during the entire game and he himself banging a home run. Home runs were also clouted by Holloway, Melton, Sleek and M. Grant.

The score by innings: H. R. E. Globe Trotters -- 6 6 3 0—19 16 3

Maroons 0 0 0 2—5 2 10 The second classic was more true to the form of kitten ball. Adler on the mound pitching for the Mercurys only allowed three hits in the five innings he was there. A fast breaking pitcher kept the Chat "N" Nibbles well in his hand. His team also brought him good support besides banging out 11 hits.

The score by innings: H. R. E. Mercurys 3 0 0 1—11 5 5

Chat "N" Nibble 1 2 0 0—3 3 3 The Wilson All-Stars defeated the Hitless Wonders in the closing act 18 to 3. Wolfe pitching for the winners also only allowed three hits and two runs in four innings.

The score by innings: H. R. E. Wilson All Stars 6 3 5 1—15 18 5

Hitless Wonders -- 0 0 0 2—3 2 18 Play will be resumed next week and each week thereafter.

WADE & GREXBY ADVANCE

William Wade and Paul Grexby reached the semi-finals of the checker tournament, being played at the Community Center gym, by beating Harper, 2 to 0 and Harris, 2 to 0 respectively.

WIN LETTERS

Buddy Garner, 145 pound wrestler at Central High received his mayor letter in that sport this week, John Elliot received his letter in basketball.

WHAT NEGRO EDITORS ARE SAYING "The Negro Removal Act"

"If the NRA permits Negroes to be forced out of jobs, by employers who object to paying them the minimum wage, the time will eventually come when white workers will get treated in the same unfair way. What hurts Negro workers, also harms all other workers. We have enteed upon a new era in the economic and industrial progress of this nation and the world. It is high time for the masses, white and black, to realize that all workers have common interests and are entitled to the chance to secure work at a living wage, whatever the color or creed be."—The Tribune Independent, March 10, 1934.

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SCIENTIFACTS BY ARNOLD

TEN MILES OF TOADS!
THE HIGHWAY ALONG UPPER KLAMATH LAKE, OREGON, AT TIMES IS COVERED FOR A DISTANCE OF OVER TEN MILES WITH MILLIONS OF TOADS MIGRATING TO HIGHER LANDS FOR THE WINTER.

ORCHID SUN-BATHS
A GREENHOUSE SET ON BEARINGS TO ROTATE WITH THE SUN HAS BEEN BUILT IN BOSTON TO HASTEN THE 7 TO 8 YEAR GROWTH OF ORCHIDS.