

HOME OWNER LEAGUE ON THE JOB

Home properties in Omaha to the amount of \$1,678,082 threatened with loss through foreclosures have been handled by the Home Owners' and Citizens' League for its members from January 27 to February 16 inclusive, according to Dr. Vernon R. Thomas, president of the League.

"Omaha homes threatened with foreclosures or already in the process of foreclosure were saved. Mutual settlements were made through the intervention of the Conciliatory Board of the Home Owners' and Citizens' League. The League urges people in Omaha whose homes are either threatened or are already in process of foreclosure, or those who are in difficulties through non-payment of taxes or insurance to come to the Home Owners' and Citizens' League," said Dr. Thomas.

The Home Owners' and Citizens' League will sponsor the following legislation:

1. Declaration of moratorium on tax foreclosure sales for a period of 5 years.
2. Declaration of one year moratorium of payments on homes with mortgages of \$3,000 or less—amounts more than \$3,000 to be cut in half.
3. To stop foreclosures and those pending foreclosure for a period of 5 years.
4. Reduction of interest rate charges on mortgages.
5. Reduction of principal sum of mortgages to present appraisal values.
6. Payment of insurance by mortgage for amount of mortgage they hold.
7. Exemption from foreclosures of homes having either tax or mortgage against them of \$100 or less.
8. Payments of taxes by mortgagee for amount of mortgage they hold.
9. Reduction of taxes on individual home properties.
10. Reasonable rates on public necessities.

A membership meeting will be held Friday evening, February 23 at the offices of the League, 318 Arthur Building, 210 South 18th Street.

Dr. Thomas is talking every Wednesday and Friday evening at 5 p. m. over radio station WAAW.

NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE

Macaroni is made in more than 100 different shapes and forms in Italy.

Pulling a cord raises a window shade mounted on a new springless roller.

France is the principal world source of bauxite, from which aluminum is derived.

Oil is being extracted from soy beans by a new process that uses alcohol as a solvent.

A museum has been opened in Berlin to show the implements and methods used by smugglers.

An outside handle moves the boiler in and out of a new gas range to save burned fingers.

High speed air mail service from Karachi in North West India to Lahore has been planned.

For drying garments at home a folding rack mounted on an electric has been invented.

More than three fourths of the farm tractors used in Czechoslovakia are American machines.

An extension lip on a new spoon facilitates giving medicine to an ill person or food to an infant.

Passengers will be carried in cabins within the wings of a gigantic air plane being built in Germany.

A shaker that works with damp salt contains a plunger that forces the contents out when it is depressed.

Russia, Ukraine and Rumania supply most of the sunflower seed and oil imported into the United States.

Half disks instead of the usual teeth are used in a new lawn rake that is not clogged by leaves and other debris.

Passenger service has been begun on the Shanghai-Canton airway in China with planes in charge of American pilots.

A single cylinder motor has been invented to propel an ordinary bicycle by friction with the tire on the rear wheel.

Germans have invented a varnish to be applied to worn automobile tires to protect them against heat and wet weather.

Having a grooved mouthpiece to hold an instrument, a megaphone has been designed to amplify the sounds from a harmonica.

Russian geologists have estimated the coal reserves of North Manchuria to contain from three billion to 20 billion tons.

A cap has been invented to replace the original cap on a collapsible tube and at the same time to serve as a stand for it.

To reduce air resistance a German has invented an enclosed side car for motorcycles along the lines of a dirigible balloon.

Intended to be worn on a man's belt, a new key chain is unwound from a reel for use, a spring winding in the chain when released.

Tests made by a London physician have indicated that persons, especially women, do the most work when they have slight headaches.

A metal cover has been invented

that can be locked over a telephone dial preventing an unauthorized person using the instrument.

Italian motion picture theaters have been required by the government to show one domestic for each three foreign films exhibited.

An upholstered steel frame has been invented to be clamped to the rear seat of an automobile to convert it into a bed for infants.

Argentina has a population density of slightly more than ten persons to the square mile as compared with 40 in the United States.

The inventor of a novel syringe claims that it automatically records the cleanliness of oil drawn into it from an automobile motor.

Of English invention is a vanity case mirror equipped with an electric light to enable women to apply powder or make up in the dark.

Rubber bath sponges in the form of mittens that fit the hands snugly are being made in a variety of colors to harmonize with bath rooms.

A South African court room has been equipped with amplifiers to enable every person listening to a trial to hear all that witnesses say.

A key has been invented that fits any collapsible tube and enables it to be rolled so that all the contents are squeezed out without waste.

A fuel for internal combustion engines developed in Ireland from coal tar has proved more economical than gasoline in tests with automobiles.

Writing in nine degrees of fineness can be produced with a new fountain pen that has an adjustable slide to vary the flexibility of the point.

The Greek government has begun work on a 20-year program for the construction of 2100 miles of new highways and rearrangement of existing roads.

Electric lamps are inserted in the wings of a new chair to illuminate books or work held in an occupant's lap without flare affecting his eyes.

Since 1921, when Mexico ranked second among petroleum producing countries, its production has declined steadily until now it is in seventh place.

Any faucet can be converted into a sanitary drinking fountain by a metal device to be clipped to its outlet that diverts the flowing water upward.

While in flight the wings of an air plane developed by a Russian aviation engineer living in Paris can be altered in length between 36 and 68 feet.

Gold is being carried by airplane from Wyoming fields to San Francisco in six hours as compared with the six days required in the overland stage days.

Natives of British Guiana jungles use leaves of the umbrella tree to protect their heads and bodies from the heat of the sun when it becomes excessive.

Almost anything made of wood can be closely imitated by using resins obtained from phenol with formaldehyde and mixed with an equal quantity of wood meal.

More than 2000 English physicians have formed a league to support the theory that germs do not cause diseases but are incidental to the later stages of them.

With the extension of the Calcutta-Rangoon air route to Singapore at the end of the year an extension from the latter city to Australia is planned for April.

A Northwestern University scientist has found after extensive experiments that more energy is required by a person to work in the afternoon than in the morning.

Human remains unearthed in Tanganyika have led an English scientist to conclude that Africa was the original center of mankind, not Asia as generally believed.

Rubber spiked belts have been invented for cotton gins, having the advantage of lightness and flexibility and avoiding the danger of metal spikes striking sparks.

To raise funds for the erection of a hospital in the province of Tumbes the Peruvian government has levied an additional duty on all flour imported into the province.

A Kansas State Agricultural College scientist has designed a 1500 ton truck that can be driven over roads or on water by a Diesel motor, carrying hundreds of tons of cargo.

The Italian inventor of a one passenger motor driven bicycle claims to have driven it at a speed of 100 miles an hour and to have traveled 280 miles on a single gallon of gasoline.

A partitionless house has been invented by a New York architect, rooms being shut off from one another by a person pressing buttons that cause motors to run around tracks with curtains.

Seven leaf springs, built in a circle within the rim and covered with a steel plate to exclude rain and dust, feature an English inventor's automobile wheel that uses a solid rubber tire.

Only two of the 235,139 passengers carried in 25,892,120 miles of scheduled flying by airplanes in the United States in the first six months this year were killed, both in the same crash.

A simple turbine attached directly to the drill and operated by water poured upon it from the surface of the ground has been used in Russia to drill an oil well to a depth of nearly two miles.

MUTT AND JEFF — Jeff Decides That Admiral Byrd Can Have His Exploring To Himself



A Nebraska optometrist has invented spectacles with auxiliary lenses mounted on pivoted arms beside the main lenses, in front of which they can be swung for use in reading, sewing or other close work.

For the development of the Italian motion picture industry the government has required that all foreign motion picture films be sound-synchronized in Italy before exhibition and has imposed a tax upon the work.

United States exports of chemicals in the first nine months of 1933 amounted to \$75,500,000, a six per cent increase as compared with the similar period in 1932, and imports increased 11 per cent to \$61,700,000.

Self operating radio equipment invented by a Russian scientist will transmit readings of meteorological instruments in Franz Josef Land to a central point instead of requiring the presence of a weather observer in winter.

University of Michigan Bars Negro Basketball Star

ANN ARBOR, Mich. April 2.—Franklin Lett, freshman student at the University of Michigan, and former all-State center on the Battle Creek (Mich.) high school basketball team and all-State end on that school's football team, has been barred from the university's freshman basketball team because of his color.

In explaining his reason for discriminating against the young Negro athlete, head basketball coach Franklin Cappon, has stated: "There has never been a colored boy to play basketball in the Big Ten. It has been a mutual agreement between the coaches not to use a colored boy in basketball. There is no rule in the Big Ten 'in writing' that says a boy cannot play because of his color, but just this 'unwritten agreement' of the coaches to keep them out. No other Big Ten school has used a colored boy, and I do not want to 'break the ice.' That would put me on the spot, so to speak."

Nevertheless, Coach Cappon finds himself on the spot from another direction. In response to a complaint received from Dr. Adonis Patterson of Battle Creek, both the local branch of the NAACP, and the National Office have taken immediate action. Protests have been sent to Coach Cappon, to President Alexander Ruthven, of the university, the President of the Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce, who as head of the local Michigan Alumni Association has promised to do his utmost to break down the color bar, and to Representative Kulp of the Congressional District who has placed the matter before the University Board of Regents.

In a sharp letter to Coach Cappon, Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the NAACP, denounced "the gratuitous insult to young Lett personally and to the race of which he happens to be a member" and, pointing to such internationally-known Michigan athletes as DeHart Hubbard, Eddie Tolan and Willis Ward, declared that the color bar "can be interpreted as nothing less than gross ingratitude for their services." After calling attention to the fact that the University of Michigan is a tax-supported institution supported by and maintained for all of the State's citizens, Mr. Wilkins concludes:

"No university in the Big Ten could better afford to bring this issue squarely to the fore than the University of Michigan. Its athletic prestige is unquestioned. Its effect on the policies of the Big Ten is tremendous. It can well afford to step out and say that Michigan will not be a party to this unjust, undemocratic and ungrateful ban on Negro basketball athletes."

President Ruthven is away on an expedition in Egypt, but other officers have assured the NAACP that the protest will be considered by the board of regents.

3 Students Ask To Withdraw

Sixty-four of the eighty-three new students entering Bishop College the third quarter are Freshmen. This brings the Freshman enrollment for the year up to 156 students. The new students entering have been selected in keeping with the policy of Bishop College to admit only the best and most promising high school graduates. An additional indication of the care taken in the selection is the fact that 98% of them are from accredited high schools.

Although most of the Freshman did exceptionally well in the preliminary psychological and achievement tests: six students maintained honor averages. They are in order: Dorothyne Talley, Dunbar High, Texarkana, Texas; Alton Tyler, B. T. Washington High, Dallas, Texas; J. D. Collins, B. T. Washington High, Houston, Texas; Garland Johnson, Dunbar High, Texarkana, Texas; Haven McLeod, Manuel Training High, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Elbert Shaw, B. T. Washington High, Wichita Falls, Texas.

With the student body being increased by eighty-three new comers, the total enrollment of Bishop College, for the year, will exceed 860 students. This peak being the second highest enrollment since the depression. The other peak was in 1931-32 during which year 391 students enrolled.

While, on the one hand, the enrollment has increased on the other hand three students have been asked to withdraw because of poor scholarship.

TEN THOUSAND NEW ORLEANS CITIZENS ANTI LYNCHING BILL

New Orleans, La., March 30.—The Winter Capital Lodge No. 595 Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, of this city sent to Senators Roert F. Wagner and Edward P. Costigan at Washington, D. C. a resolution signed by 10,000 colored citizens of New Orleans urging passage of the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill. The resolution was presented in regular session of the lodge by W. T. Meade Grant, Jr. Exalted Ruler. A copy has been sent to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

PRINCETON PROFESSOR REVEALS "WHITE PRIMARY" CASES

New York, Mar. 30.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with offices here has received a copy of the February 1934 Michigan Law Review in which appears an article on "Primary Elections and the Constitution" by Luther Harris Evans, assistant professor of politics, Princeton University, reviewing the various "white primary" cases fought in Texas, Virginia and elsewhere by the Association, resulting in the safeguarding of the Negroes' right to vote in Democratic primaries in the South.

It is the writer's contention as it has been that of the N. A. A. C. P. that primaries are intimately related to elections and that Congress has the power over primaries by virtue of Article 1, Section 4 of the federal constitution.

TWENTY-FIFTH N. A. A. C. P. MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY JUNE 27-JULY 1

Oklahoma City, Okla. March 30.—Preparations are in full swing here for the holding of the twenty-fifth annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People June 27 to July 1, inclusive.

This is the first time the N. A. A. C. P. has held an annual conference in the Southwest and the second time it has met elow the Mason and Dixon line. The 1920 conference was held in Atlanta, Ga.

The conference will open with a welcoming mass meeting Wednesday evening June 27. Business sessions will get under way the next morning. The Twentieth Spingarn medal will be awarded Friday night June 29. The closing mass meeting will be held

Sunday afternoon July 1.

Oklahoma, known far and wide for the hospitality of its citizens announced last year in Chicago when extending the invitation, that it would give the association the finest conference it had ever had, a fitting celebration of its twenty-five years of work. The invitation was extended by Roscoe Dunjee, editor of The Black Dispatch and president of the state conference of branches. W. M. McMurray is president of the Oklahoma City Branch.

LOUISVILLE CITIZENS PRESSING HAZARD LYNCH CASE

New York, March 30.—The Louisville Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is still fighting the trial and conviction of the lynchers of Rex Scott, Negro miner, on January 24. Attorney C. W. Anderson, Jr., President of the Louisville branch has been at Hazard for some time at the expense of the branch. Attorney Floyd Byrd of Lexington, a veteran white criminal lawyer, is assisting him.

The jailer, Troy Combs, who assisted the lynchers, has already been removed, as previously reported. The association's lawyers are cooperating with the Commonwealth's Attorney in prosecuting the seven indicted miners who allegedly participated in the lynching.

One defendant, Ordell Fugate, who is partially blind, has been dismissed because of insufficient evidence. Judge Samuel Ward has granted the Commonwealth's Attorney a continuance until May 16. The National office of the N. A. A. C. P. is asking funds to aid the prosecution of the lynchers.

What Negro Editors Are Saying—

"The gambler's mind is rapidly influencing the American people; it

Daily News, sponsor of these Golden Gloves tournaments, spoiling the fine sportsmanship exhibited in the bouts themselves by stooping to humiliating and unsportsmanlike arrangements for the quartering of the team. If the colored boys are good enough to fight and win a place in the Golden Gloves tournament, they are good enough to stay and train at the same hotel with their teammates."

Expressing the hope that "the Daily News will not offer the time-worn excuse that it is more 'convenient' for the colored lads in Harlem, or that they 'are more comfortable and happier' by themselves," Mr. Wilkins calls attention to the New York State laws barring denial of accommodations to any person on account of race color, or creed by places of public accommodations, and urges that "in succeeding Golden Gloves tournaments the Daily News will have the backbone to say to hotel managers that they are reserving accommodations for the Golden Glove team, and that they expect the hotel to accord the same treatment to all members of the team."

ARKANSAS COLLEGE GIVES "N. A. A. C. P. FUND \$33.02

New York, March 30.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received from the Arkansas Agricultural Mechanical and Normal College, Pine Bluff Ark., a check for \$33.02 raised in a drive conducted among teachers and students of the institution as its contribution to the Association's Centennial-A-Negro 25th anniversary fund. Dr. J. B. Watson, the president contributed \$10 of this sum.

PROTESTS NEW YORK "GOLDEN GLOVE" SEGREGATION

New York, March 30.—In a letter to Paul Gallico, sports editor of the New York Daily News, Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has protested against hotel discrimination practiced against colored members of the Golden Gloves tournament held here March 28, and sponsored by the Daily News A. A. The colored members were quartered at the Crampion Hotel in Harlem, while the white members of the team were quartered at the Park Central Hotel down town.

"This Association is surprised" writes Mr. Wilkins, "to find the

does not matter what it takes they meant to win. If it is to make a living, their dealings are unjust; if it is a leader, he must win if the whole race goes down in defeat. It is no more, how did you play the game, but 'didn't I put it over?'"

—The Negro Star, March 23, 1934

N. A. A. C. P. NOT TO ENTER SENATORIAL CAMPAIGNS

New York, March 30.—Reply today to letters received from Dr. E. S. Ballou and Attorney Hosmer S. Brown, presidents respectively of the Montclair, N. J., and Pittsburgh Pa. Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Walter White, the Association's secretary, declare that the National Office "does not desire in any way to enter into the campaign" for re-election of Senators Hamilton F. Keen of New Jersey and David A. Reed of Pennsylvania. He pointed out, however, that both Senators had voted in favor of the confirmation of Judge John J. Parker for the United States Supreme Court, which the Association fought because Parker's prejudice against Negroes voting.

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