

MORTGAGE PLEA OF LITTLE HELP TO BORROWERS

Moratorium Urged on Home Foreclosures Fails to Materialize.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The administration's plea for a sixty-day moratorium on home mortgage foreclosures has had little effect on the policy of lending institutions toward borrowers, results of a nationwide Scripps-Howard survey showed today.

The survey showed, however, that in many cases the institutions themselves had found it desirable for their own interests to adopt a more lenient attitude toward home owners.

Many cities reported that foreclosures are being made only in extreme cases, in which the borrowers are hopelessly in arrears, and there is no indication that they will be able to catch up on back payments.

The survey was conducted as a result of conflicting reports on the effect of the appeal by Chairman Frank M. Rowland of the Federal Home Loan Board for a general suspension of foreclosures until the home loan system is in full operation.

Fort's System Disputed

Fort's proposal was put in the form of an order to all closed national banks and later extended to closed state banks in forty states. Solvent, national and state banks were asked to join in the movement.

Fort later said the effect of the suggestion was widespread among all lending institutions. Reports from borrowers indicated the contrary.

The Scripps-Howard survey, conducted through newspapers in all sections, revealed these facts:

1. That in no district covered by the survey has an absolute moratorium on foreclosures been declared.
2. That the increasing leniency of lenders is a move of economic necessity rather than a result of the administration appeal.
3. That in most cases adoption of a less stringent policy toward foreclosures preceded Fort's plea.
4. That lenders are skeptical of the benefits of the \$134,000,000 federal home loan system, with some expecting a tightening of requirements on the mortgaged home owner.

Called Political Move

Several officials of financial institutions suggested that Fort's proposed moratorium was for political consumption.

In a large number of cases, reports indicated that lending institutions already have more money tied up in real estate than they desire, and would prefer to have overdue notes rather than more property.

Foreclosures in many cities are being resorted to only when the borrower is unable to keep up interest and tax payments, and then only if he is in arrears six months or a year.

The leniency toward borrowers was reported in New York, Washington, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Baltimore, Cleveland, Knoxville, Birmingham, Albuquerque, Houston, Ft. Worth and San Francisco.

Cincinnati and Columbus reported no change in the policy of lenders. Toledo reported a virtual moratorium for the last two years, except in extreme cases of delinquency.

Akron reported a similar condition during the last eighteen months, but no actual moratorium, because of legal complication demanding some foreclosures.

THROW OUT SUIT ON SCHOOL ANNEXATION

Technicality in Title of Case Defeats Perry Township Battle.

Suit to set aside annexation of the Perry township school by the city school corporation today was out of court on a technicality in the title of the suit when Judge Joseph R. Williams, superior court two, sustained a demurrer by the city.

Williams sustained the city school corporation contention that title of the suit should read "Perry township of Marion county" instead of merely "Perry township."

Annexation of the school grew out of a fight between Omer Green, Perry township trustee, and city school officials over difference in tuition fees.

JAIL 'TRAFFIC TERROR'

Drunk Driver Fined \$111, Given Term of Thirty Days.

Thirty days' imprisonment and \$111 in fines were the aftermath Wednesday in municipal court of a traffic "reign of terror" caused by a driver by Taylor Houchens, 20, Negro, 433 West Sixteenth street.

Houchens, arrested on charges of drunkenness, operating a car while under the influence of liquor and failure to stop after an accident, backed over a pedestrian, demolishing traffic and figured in two other accidents in five minutes' time. Robert and Sylvester Vaughn, Negroes, passengers in his car, also were fined for drunkenness.

ASSISTANT DEAN NAMED

Kiper, Indianapolis Teacher, Given Indiana U. Post.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 15.—The position of assistant to the deans of men at Indiana university, formerly held by Max M. Suppenfeld of Bloomington, will be filled by James Kiper of Indianapolis, who received his A. B. degree in political science from the university last June.

Suppenfeld resigned the position to do graduate work at Illinois university. Kiper will do graduate work at Indiana in addition to his duties as assistant to Deans C. E. Edmondson and C. J. Sembringer. He will take up his new work at once and will deal especially with men students of the freshman class.

Pedestrian Is Injured
John Polosch, 22, of 766 Ketchikan street, incurred cuts on head, back and hands Wednesday night when he was struck by an automobile while walking in the 500 block South Tibbs avenue. Driver of the car was William Poland, 24, of 1 South Harris avenue.

50 YEARS OF WEBER & FIELDS

Every Laugh Was a Big Guffaw in All Their Shows



Webster and Fields Showgirls around the turn of the century.

A banquet at the Hotel Astor on the night of Sept. 25 will mark the golden jubilee of a theatrical institution—the famous comedy team of Weber and Fields.

In a series of articles of which the following is the fourth, A. J. Liebling tells the romantic story of the rise of the east side boys whose joint careers forms one of the most entertaining chapters in the history of the theater.

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ASK the Weber and Fields of today what their best show.

"Fiddle-de-Dee," Joe Weber will answer, and in the same breath, "Maybe 'Catherine.'" "Pousse Cafe," Fields will contend. "Maybe 'The Con Curers.'" "Still 'Barbara Fidgety' was a good show."

Fields forgets his lumbago, Weber his rice and milk diet, the dispute grows more animated and more digressive, and presently it appears that they were all great shows at the Music Hall.

"Well, then, take 'Fiddle-de-Dee,' just as an example," the white-haired Weber insists seriously. "The kindly Fields just looks injured."

And it is probably true. There is a magic of success which makes it appear on some nights that a particular gambler can throw nothing but sevens, some days a basketball player can hit nothing less than a two-bagger.

Comedians, too, have streaks, when every gesture, every crack, is for the evening funny.

But some of the Weber and Fields humor remains funny through the years.

There was the scene when Fields and Bernard sold Weber the exclusive rights to the Toledo reported a virtual moratorium for the last two years, except in extreme cases of delinquency.

"Read me the contract," requested the hapless Weber before signing.

"Oh, no," said Fields. "We write the contract after you sign."

The same gag is serving the four Marx brothers in their latest picture, and serving them well.

The business of breaking a fiddle on Weber's head at every performance was made famous by Fields forty years before Milt and Frank Britton went into vaudeville.

And where would burlesque comics be today without Warfield's triumphant quip:

"You might bring me a demitasse."

"Bring me the same, and a cup of coffee."

Warfield, the first Jewish genre comedian, was a music hall development. He came to the hall from a variety show called "The Comic World," and it was in the bur-

lesques of current dramas that he first showed his latent tear-jerking powers.

But long before the tremolo and vox humana music master who said, "If you don't want her—I want her," was the Shadrach Lechinski who said, "For ten thousand dollars I marry an ostrich."

Warfield Hopper, Willie Collier, Fay Templeton and Joe and Lew themselves, incidentally, are the only surviving principals of that legendary era.

The theater which housed the Weber and Fields productions gained all its fame during their regime. When they got it, it was a rather disreputable variety theater known as the Imperial.

The stage was but sixteen feet deep and in the days of their spectacular shows they used to paint the back drop on the bricks of the rear wall.

The critics of the day, headed by Alan Dale of the American, Acton Davies of the Evening Sun and Renold Wolf of the Morning Telegraph, were consistently kind to the Music Hall shows.

Perhaps the quaint Joe Weber custom of allowing newspaper men free credit at the cafe in the basement had something to do with the good will of the press.

At the end of every month Joe, who reigned over the business affairs of the team, tore up the newspaper checks.

But the Music Hall was a paragon of sobriety among its contemporaries. The bar always was closed during the actual performance, opening at intermission.

The Weber and Fields burlesques of stage hits could have existed only during a great theater-going era.

Personalities abounded on the stage and the shop girl and her



The late Lillian Russell and David Warfield in a scene from "Fiddle-de-Dee."

boy friend—there weren't many office girls—who today read movie fan magazines, then fed on details about Mrs. Leslie Carter, Pauline Hall, John Drew, Olga Nethersole and the Farnums.

Their interest was shared by the box holders. A united interest focussed on the stage.

NOT only was the plot of each great popular success familiar to all New York—the idiosyncrasies of each player were equally common property.

Thus when Lew Fields confined his remarks to Italian—learned it from his favorite barber—in a burlesque of "The Humming Bird"—nobody in his audience needed to be informed that he was kidding young Lionel Barrymore.

Barrymore had played the part of a deceived Italian husband, picking up his English cues in purest Tuscan, a triumph of literal interpretation.

Or when in "Du Hurry" the comedians fired an egg over Fay Templeton's hair, the house knew they were referring to the red haired Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Du Barry."

Of all the Weber and Fields burlesques, none was cleverer than giant Pete Dailey, an east sider himself. Dailey was a nocturnal animal if ever one lived and he abhorred matinees.

Company discipline was strict, and Pete, half awake, would be dragged into a box at say, "Sap-who" at Wallack's theater, where he promptly would fall asleep.

But when the curtain call came, his travesty was always the most apt. He was a Jim Thorpe of comedy—he didn't have to train.

"And dance," Max Weber, Joe's brother, speaks awfully. "Two-hundred-and-fifty pounds and do a back flip like a kid."

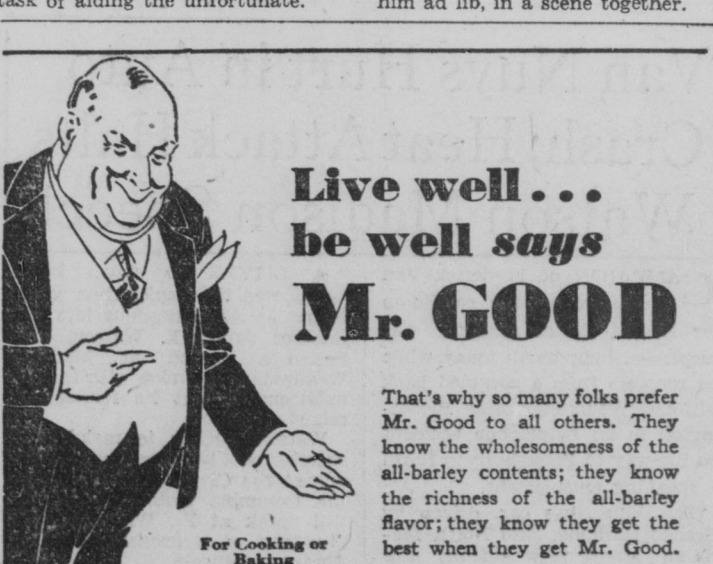
"And sing," choruses Fields. "La-Lu! How I love my Lu, Lu, Lu, Lu! You're my love, for true!"

Through the hotel room plastered with photographs struts a ghost—the ghost of a broth of a man.

"Pete Dailey," says Weber, "there never was any one like him."

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THERE was a time Charlie Bigelow, a mighty good old home to his family and resume the task of aiding the unfortunate.



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CITY OFFICIALS' PARLEY TALKS UTILITY LAWS

Leslie's Failure to Sign Municipal Ownership Bill Assailed.

By United Press

GARY, Ind., Sept. 15.—Discussion of problems arising out of public utilities opened at the Indiana Municipal League's thirty-third annual convention here today.

Carl D. Thompson, secretary of the Public Ownership League of America, was scheduled to lead the debate. Following him on the program were Mayor William J. Hosey, Ft. Wayne; Mayor Thomas Cooksey, Crawfordsville, and Mayor Joseph Kimmell of Vincennes.

Several attacks on the public service commission were anticipated. An indication of the trend of today's discussion was given by Mayor H. Carl Volland of Columbus, in Wednesday afternoon's session when he criticized Governor Harry G. Leslie for failure to sign a municipal ownership bill passed by the recent special legislative session.

Volland referred to the public service commission as a "nonessential appendage of state government and a menace to local government."

Delegates planned to tour the Calumet section steel mills this afternoon and visit the site of the 1933 world's fair in Chicago.

J. Adam Bede, former representative in Congress from Minnesota, will be speaker at tonight's session.

JOBLESS: PLEA WINS

Judge Withholds Action in Suit of Divorced Wife.

Judgment was withheld Wednesday by Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker in the case of a jobless man, Goebel Tudor, 638 East Eleventh street, apartment R, charged with failure to pay support money for his two children, Goebel Jr., 8, and Gene, 4.

Mother of the children, Mrs. Elizabeth Tudor, of Ravenswood, filed the charge. She testified that since June 21 of this year, Tudor has paid but \$2 for the children's support.

Tudor pleaded that he has been unemployed since June 23, a week after the couple was divorced.

NAB PAIR AS THIEVES

Two Accused of Many Purse Snatchings in Recent Weeks.

An epidemic of purse-snatching which has prevailed for several weeks, and in which scores of women pedestrians have lost pocket-books, was believed ended today with the arrest of Benjamin Friend, 28, of 1010 Bellefontaine street, and Arthur Abraham, 28, of 36 Parkview avenue.

Detectives said Friend has confessed several robberies, and that the pair used a stolen car and stolen license plates in cruising in search of victims and making their escape.

Both men are held on vagrancy charges on \$5,000 bond each.

Cavein Injuries Are Fatal

Internal injuries received when he was crushed in a sewer cavein Wednesday at Rural street and Nowland avenue proved fatal to John Means, Negro, 1356 North West street, at city hospital.

URGES HEALTH SAFETY

Speaker Warns Against Cutting Public Expenditures Too Much.

Dangers to public health resulting from curtailment of city expenditures for preventive measures against contagious disease were cited by Dr. Phillip P. Jacobs of the National Tuberculosis Association in an address Wednesday before officials of the Indianapolis Council of Social Agencies at the Severin.

Curtailment of school medical inspection and infant welfare clinics will bring disaster in the form of increased death rates, Dr. Jacob predicted.

LAUNCHES CRUSADE

Campaign Against Gaming Is Started by Wilson.

Campaign against drinking and gambling resorts in Marion county was launched Wednesday by Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson, who turned over numerous complaints to Sheriff Charles Sumner for investigation.

Complaints against restaurants, barbecue and hamburger stands south of the city, have come to the prosecutor since a raid Friday night at the Remy restaurant, 3053 Madison avenue.

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When nourishment enters the blood stream it is "burned." This process makes for body heat and energy, but in the conversion process carbon dioxide gas is given off. This is poisonous to the system. It should be rapidly removed.

The hemoglobin, in the red-cells of the blood, picks up this carbon dioxide—turning the blood blue—and conveys it to the lungs to be thrown off.

Then the hemoglobin takes up the oxygen from the air, breathed into the lungs—turning the blood red again—and carries this very important agent—so necessary for life—to every part of the body—even to the skin. This is a continuous process. Complete circulation occurs about every eight minutes. You see how very, very important it is for the blood to have its full strength of red-blood-cells and hemoglobin.

Overwork, worry, colds, sickness and diet neglect frequently reduce the red-blood-cells and their hemoglobin content.

When the red-blood-cells and their hemoglobin content are lowered, the system is not expelling the carbon dioxide as fast as it is accumulated . . . neither is the system getting sufficient oxygen.

Some of the things which may result from such a lowered blood count are: pallor of the skin, poor circulation, exhaustion, weakness, quick fatigue, faintness, numbness, prickling sensations, stiffness, heart palpitation, nervousness, flabby flesh, underweight, disturbed digestion, lack of appetite, nausea, constipation, dizziness, pimples and boils. Dangerous consequences may follow a lowered blood count.

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