

## 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 nation-wide Scripps-Howard survey showed to-day.

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 L. F. Fort in Fort of the federal home loan board for a general suspension of foreclosures until the home loan system is in full operation.

### Fort's Statement 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 benefit 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.

More 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

Technically 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 demurser by the city.

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

Drunken Driver Fined \$11, Given Terms of Thirty Days.

Thirty days' imprisonment and \$11 in fines were the aftermath Wednesday in municipal court of a traffic "reign of terror" caused Labor day by Taylor Houchenes, 20, Negro, 453 West Sixteenth street, Houchenes, 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, demoralized traffic and figured in two other accidents in five minutes "time, Robert and Sylvester Vaughn, Negro, passengers in his car, also were fined for drunkenness.

### ASSISTANT DEAN NAMED

Mr. Kiper, Indianapolis Teacher, Given Indiana U. Post.

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

Sappenstein 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. Sembower. He will take up his new work at once and will deal especially with men students of the freshman class.

Pedestrian Is Injured  
John Polouch, 22, of 764 Ketcham 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 11 South Harris avenue.

## 50 YEARS OF WEBER & FIELDS

Every Laugh Was a Big Guffaw in All Their Shows



Weber 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 anniversary of the most popular and famous comedy team of Weber and Fields.

Following is a series of articles of which the following is the fourth. A. J. Liebling tells the romantic story of the rise of the comedy team, and the author's career forms one of the most interesting chapters in the history of the theater.

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ASK the Weber and Fields of today what was 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 we all great shows at the Music Hall.

"Well, then, take 'Fiddle-de-Dee' just as an example," the visitor exclaims to learn Weberfieldsian lore penitently. "What was the big laughs?"

"They were all big laughs," the white-haired Weber insists seriously. The kindly Fields just looks injured.

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