

## Negro Housing Aided by Builders

The willingness of private capital to enter the field of building homes for Negroes was cited today by Administrator John B. Blandford, Jr., of the National Housing Agency as a long step forward toward a solution of the housing problem for Negroes.

Speaking before the Annual Conference of the National Urban League in Columbus, O., Mr. Blandford reported that some 17,000 privately financed accommodations for non-white families will be made available under the NHA's war housing program. As of September, he said, 4,800 of these had been completed and nearly 10,000 others were under construction.

"These are good sized figures," he said, "but they are not a drop in the bucket compared to the amount needed in the days ahead. The important thing is that private financing of housing available for Negroes has not been provided in the past — but an entering wedge has been driven at last."

It is an "important wedge," Mr. Blandford declared, because "it is one which eventually may well test the economic soundness of housing for Negroes and which may even alter a lot of conclusions about housing occupied by Negroes necessarily deflating the value of surrounding properties."

Regarding the Government's efforts to meet the housing needs of Negro war workers, Mr. Blandford pointed out that as of last June 30 approximately 70,000 units — or about 10 per cent of the total publicly financed part of the war housing program—had been made available to Negroes, 83 per cent of them for families.

This represents, he said, an investment of about \$247,000,000 or 12 per cent of the total public money spent in the program, adding that from March through June of this year some 4,630 units, or more than a third of the total programmed, were scheduled for Negro occupancy. Since June 30, Mr.

Blandford reported, some 1,300 units, to cost an additional \$4,000,000, have been added to the public program.

Negro families also shared importantly on the basis of income and need in the pre-war program of low-rent housing built with federal financial assistance, Mr. Blandford pointed out. A total of 46,200 homes, accommodating nearly 185,000 people, were made available to Negroes through peacetime public housing, he said.

Citing some of the difficulties in interesting private capital in producing homes for Negro workers, Mr. Blandford pointed out Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Chicago, Jacksonville, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., Memphis, Tenn., Norfolk, Va., Columbus, O., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Dallas and Houston, Tex., and Los Angeles and San Francisco, as cities where "pioneering achievements are being recorded."

## CHEST DRIVE IN LAST HALF

Raising of \$1,614,604 to support the 72 agencies participating in the Portland-Multnomah County United War Chest, which started on October 9th and is to continue to October 19th, or until the goal is reached, is now in full swing.

Ten thousand volunteer workers give their services gratis to this community endeavor, in which all are privileged to serve and give. Working under an executive committee of ten, thirty division chairmen direct the contacting of every man and woman in the city and county.

Solicitation in the Vanport district is under the direction of Messrs. W. Van Loan and Kenneth Porter. With workers employed on different shifts, the task of reaching every individual calls for extra effort in that district.

Through the medium of the newspapers and radio stations, and by speeches delivered by ninety speakers from the Speaker's Bureau, the people are informed as to what the agencies which partici-

pate in the United War Chest have done with money raised in past years and what they will do with that raised in this campaign.

Plans for solicitation are made weeks in advance; employees in firms conduct their own campaigns, and there is great rivalry as to what firm will go "over the top" first.

Report luncheons are staged at the Multnomah Hotel each day of the campaign, where division leaders and their lieutenants report on progress of solicitation. Each person attending buys his own lunch, and entertainment is provided by school orchestras or orchestras from radio stations and clubs, as a part of their contribution to the cause.

## SPORTS OUT OF ADAM'S HAT

**ERIC LIDDELL OF GREAT BRITAIN, 1924 OLYMPIC 400-METER CHAMP, MIGHT HAVE WON THE 200 METERS TOO, BUT HE WOULDN'T COMPETE BECAUSE THE RACE WAS TO BE RUN ON A SUNDAY—HE WAS A MINISTER**



**BUT ELROY ROBINSON A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND THEOLOGIST, SET A WORLD'S 1/2 MILE RECORD ON A SUNDAY—**



**GIL DODDS, ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST MILERS IS A DIVINITY STUDENT, AND HAL CUTBILL, FORMER MILE AND 1/2 MILE STAR WAS KNOWN AS THE 'FLYING PARSON'**

Last Friday's report showed a total of \$910,366.20, or 56 per cent of the goal, with one division, that of Clubs "over the top."

### Judge Harrison Visits Portland (Continued from page 1)

After leaving the Kaiser Yard, Judge Harrison was the guest of the Vanport Housing Administration. A police escort conducted the party on a tour of the Housing Project and stopped in the administration offices where the manager, Mr. W. S. Griffin and the assistant manager, Mr. Fyock, gave a very interesting talk on why of Vanport. The judge, always an interested listener, asked some very pertinent questions. The story of Vanport to him was one to be wondered at and to be told and retold. A marvel of efficiency as explained by Mr. Griffin.

Several impromptu speeches and visits also helped to make Judge William H. Harrison's visit one to be remembered. Among the best remembered of the judges' visit was a flag presented to him by Thomas (Tommy) Luke, president of the 50,001 Club of Oregon. The flag was presented to him at the suggestion of Mrs. Henson for his particular brand of Americanism. The Negro Race, the Republican Party and the American people are proud of Judge William H. Harrison.

Judge Harrison was judge of the Superior Court of Oklahoma county, Oklahoma; a member of the Board of Pardon and Paroles of the State of Illinois; Assistant Attorney General, State of Illinois and former Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.



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Parcels sent to soldiers and sailors abroad are addressed to army and fleet post offices in this country, FEA official pointed out, and according to Post Office regulations parcels so addressed are considered domestic shipments.

Officials added that the statement was issued because a number of persons have been needlessly applying to FEA for export licenses for such shipments.



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### ANNOUNCEMENT

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PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

## HERMAN E. LAFKY

Delegate to the Republican National Convention for Oregon

Parade starts 7:30 P. M. at Victory Boulevard and Denver Ave., ending at UPPER GRADE AUDITORIUM, N. Broadacres and Force Street.

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