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HOUSING CONFERENCE
An imposing assembly of race leaders and authorities on housing gathered to discuss the Negro's plight in Detroit last week under the leadership of Senator Diggs.

It became evident that the question of housing Negroes is and will increasingly become a major national issue. The conference bore out, more than anything else, the sheer magnitude of the problem which faces us.

We were told that even the Federal government will not attempt to change the status quo. The Federal government is willing to help, but its financial aid works within, not beyond the restrictions that already chafe us.

This is a disheartening picture. It is an affront to democracy. It is a damnable insult to twelve million Negroes and a disgrace to all America. We have heard and read much of social justice in the last few years.

Indeed, the magnitude and scope of the housing problem easily transcends the mere matter of housing and becomes, as usual, a problem of race relations. We are told that white people do not like to live near Negroes and that one fact makes all the difference.

Thus Housing becomes like Unemployment and our other problems, mostly a matter of racial prejudice or race relations.

NORTHWEST DETROIT

Flash
Next week, this column will feature articles from neighbors, friends, taxpayers and property owners, speaking on the subject which is most talked about among colored citizens, especially to us on the Eight Mile Road, "Incorporating A City."

Miss Ruby Freeman of Cleveland, Ohio, became the lovely wife of Horace Branley of Ohio street, in Cleveland, last week. A large reception followed the ceremony at the bride received many lovely gifts.

Observing... POLITICS and POLITICIANS

By WM. L. SHERRILL
Associate Editor

The Dies Committee virtually tells us that there is no need in looking under the bed every hour or so in fear of finding a Communist.

There is something radically wrong with a group of people who refuse to help relieve their own burdens. We, the Negro, must face facts as they are.

There is nothing more to be said of Frank Murphy. Even those who do not agree with his political philosophy or politics must be proud of the meteoric rise of one of the sons of Michigan.

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WE, THE NEGRO

By WM. L. SHERRILL
President, Afro-American Institute and Federated Fireside Groups
Someone mentions building a Negro this or a Negro that. Why don't white folks refuse to build anything all white? Why don't Polish people refuse to build anything all Polish?

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What Is Life Insurance?

By A. N. LAKE
(Vice-President and Secretary of the Western Union Mutual Insurance Co.)

It doesn't make any difference what territory you work, you have all kinds of prospects to deal with. There are easy prospects and close prospects, large prospects and small prospects, good prospects and slow prospects.

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On the Horizon

By JEROME GURLEY MACKLIN
The first colored school south of the Mason and Dixon line was organized May 10, 1863 in Lexington, Ky. It was established in the same building over which Captain John Brown presided at the first Confederate flag in Kentucky.

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Letters To The Editor

840 Pinewood avenue Toledo, Ohio January 8, 1940
Mr. Louis E. Martin, Editor, The Michigan Chronicle, Detroit, Mich. Dear Sir:

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