

# N.M.A. TO BREAK DOWN DISCRIMINATION

## Sub Committee Named On Anti-Lynching Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 20—The same sub-committee of the Senate judiciary committee which has considered the federal anti-lynching bill twice before was named this week by chairman H. F. Ashurst to take up the Senate.

Senator Frederick Van Nuys of Indiana, co-sponsor of the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill, is chairman of the sub-committee. Other members are Senators Patrick McCarran, Nevada; William H. Dieterich, Illinois; George W. Norris, Nebraska; and Warren R. Austin, Vermont.

which held hearings in 1934 and 1935 on the Costigan-Wagner bill and reported it out favorably both times. It is not believed that hearings will be necessary on anti-lynching legislation this year since all arguments on both sides are well known and are on file already in both the House and the Senate. Observers believe the bill will be reported shortly by the sub-committee to the full judiciary committee, which in turn will report favorably to the Senate.

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## DEAN PICKENS SPEAKS TO SEATTLE FORUMS

SEATTLE, Washington, May 20—Dean William Pickens, director of branches of the NAACP is in the midst of a full month of engagements before the Seattle Public Forums being conducted by the adult education division of the Seattle board of education. Dean Pickens is lecturing at the Cleveland High school, Webster school, Longfellow school and Bryant school, and at Snohomish and Edmonds outside of Seattle. He is speaking on Negroes as Americans, Negro Labor in America, the sharecroppers, and the Negroes cultural contribution. Dean Pickens is giving a total of 20 lectures.

LISTEN to hear Rowena Williams, lovely soprano in the new WGN Mutual show "Your Parlor Playhouse" 9:30 Sundays, plug "Silent Love," a popular song written by Margaret Bonds of Chicago.

## Big Fight On To Change Practices Of Some State Boards Of Health

The National Medical Association, composed of the physicians, dentists and pharmacists of our group in the United States, is attempting to remove the restrictions put upon our professional men in the present government-financed campaign to eliminate Venereal Diseases. Although it is claimed that Negroes harbor a large percentage of Venereal Diseases and are largely indifferent to the existence of these diseases, yet so far only one Negro has been appointed to take the course in Venereal Disease control which the government is financing and which courses are being instituted in medical schools that are well known to bar all Negroes.

The usual excuse is offered that the appointment of these men to assist in this campaign of eradication of Venereal Diseases is left to the various State

Boards of Health and hence the usual discrimination is shown.

The professions feel very bitterly that "run-around" being given them in this and other matters and a vigorous effort is being launched by Dr. R. C. Giles of Chicago, President of the National Medical Association, and other officers and members of the Executive Board to correct these and other flagrant abuses.

Members of the professions are rallying in large numbers to give their support to the Association which has been successful many times in safeguarding the interests of its Fellows. Men who are willing to take this course of instruction and who can help in this campaign are urged to get in touch with the President, Dr. R. C. Giles, 3541 South State St., Chicago, Ill. or the General Secretary, Dr. John T. Givens, 1108

Church St., Norfolk, Va.

The Association is planning one of the largest conventions in its history in St. Louis, Mo. August 15 to 20 which will be coincident to the opening of the new million dollar hospital, which represents the last word in comfort and convenience, entirely managed by our group, and the journey there will well repay any and all who make the trip. The St. Louis men are making extensive plans for entertainment of delegates and visitors and with the above mentioned problem and others equally as urgent to be thrashed out, naturally interest and enthusiasm are running at a high pitch and a record breaking attendance is assured.

Members of the profession who desire to appear on the program will please communicate with the President or Secretary at once.

## Eye Hazards At Work And Play—How To Guard Against Them

By Louis Resnick

Co-author (With Lewis Carvis) of "Eye Hazards in Industrial Occupations"

more complicated mechanism than the finest watch in the world; the best watch can be bought for a few week pay; a human eye that will see cannot be bought; yet men and women every day expose their eyes to hazards of flying particles to which they would not think of exposing the inner mechanism of a watch.

Few people would think of giving a small child a hammer and a watch to play with at the same time; yet this moment there are undoubtedly thousands of youngsters playing with sharp pointed scissors, just as destructive to the eye as a hammer would be to a watch. Few of us would think of taking a watch to a plumber or cabinet maker for repairs, but thousands of factory and office employees every day try to perform minor surgical operations on their eyes or call on fellow workers—stenographers, clerks, machinists and carpenters—to remove particles from their eyes. And in this process—as shown by original photographs in the possession of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness—pocket knives, compasses, screw drivers and manicuring files are often used on that most delicate and priceless possession, our eyes.

There is a nutshell in the story of "Eye Hazards at Work and at Play."

Every year the sight of thousands of men, women and children is blotted out forever or seriously impaired by accidents nearly all of which could easily have been avoided. Accidents, in which a table fork or pocket knife, used to untangle badly knotted shoe laces, slipped out and cut the person's eye. Similarly, attempts to remove caps from bottles and cover from food jars with the aid of knives, fork or ice-picks—a common practice in millions of homes every year—destroy or badly damage hundreds of eyes.

We do not propose, of course, that the lady of the house wear goggles or that the man of the house use at home the same protective equipment that he would in the shop. There is needed merely, first, a recognition of the

fact, now constitute by far the most frequent cause of total partial blindness. A list of the varieties of accidents with which we are confronted at home, at play and at work, and the methods of preventing such accidents, would fill an entire issue of this publication. We must, therefore, limit ourselves to a few typical accidents and just a word of caution as to their prevention.

In the first place, there is no such thing as a non-hazardous industry so far as eye injuries are concerned. Wherever men or women are employed there is bound to be the danger of flying particles of dust, cinders, stone, metal or wood; the danger of injurious chemicals and splashing molten metal and sometimes of injurious light and heat rays; and of innumerable other accidents peculiar to the condition of the particular plant or office. Where such hazards exist progressive employers provide the necessary protective devices, goggles, shields and other safety equipment; all that is necessary is that the employee use these devices wherever they are provided, ask for them when they are not available, and exercise ordinary care for his own safety and consideration for that of the other fellow. The practical joker who shoots pins and paper clips and does other supposedly funny stunts in the work shop or office has robbed many a man and woman of sight.

The eye hazards at home also are of great variety. Among the more common are: burns the splashing of lye and other cleaning preparations, flying tacks and nails, and jabs from knives, forks and scissors. Oculists everywhere have to treat cases in which a table fork or pocket knife, used to untangle badly knotted shoe laces, slipped out and cut the person's eye. Similarly, attempts to remove caps from bottles and cover from food jars with the aid of knives, fork or ice-picks—a common practice in millions of homes every year—destroy or badly damage hundreds of eyes.

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## Fayetteville Normal Looks Forward To A Four-Year Course

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. May 18th.—At a recent assembly of students and faculty members N. C. Newbold outlined the plans of the State Department of Education to raise the present three year course of study to four yrs., thus granting class "A" certificates as well as Bachelors' degree in elementary education.

This announcement brought forth ringing applause from students and faculty members due to the one big fact that the better prepared individual is the one that is being sought by Superintendents and Principals alike in the educational setup of North Carolina.

"It is very probable" said Dr. Newbold, "that the fourth year will be in readiness for those who entered in the autumn of 1936, causing the first four-year class to graduate in 1940."

The local college has grown tremendously in the last fifteen years under the capable guidance of the late President, Dr. E. E. Smith, and the present incumbent, Dr. J. W. Seabrook. In 1921, the first normal class was enrolled with four students and this number has increased to 547 for the school year 1935-36. With the four-year course fairly certain an even larger enrollment is contemplated. This was evidenced by the granting of \$70,000 for a girls' dormitory by the last legislature as well as \$10,000 for the renovation of the boys' dormitory and a recent federal and state grant of \$36,000 for a new library which will be completed by July 1st.

Immediately after Dr. Newbold's visit the Fayetteville State Normal Board of Trustees met and voted approval of the request for the four-year course.

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