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**GOOD HOUSING ANTIDOTE FOR  
UNREST**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Speaking at the National Public Housing Conference here, Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas said: "Bad housing breeds discontent and unrest—providing fertile ground for the propaganda of foreign dictators and their theories of government." He added that on the other hand "Good housing is the foundation of stability and contentment. It is one of the best ways to combat

**TOWN MOVING TO NEW SITE**

ST. LOUIS.—Greenville, Mo., population 500, is pulling up stakes to move to a new site, one and one-half miles up the road. The new town was designed by professional planners at the request of its citizens, the American Society of Planning Officials reported. The town's present site, along the St. Francis river, will be submerged in the reservoir area created by a new dam construction on the Mississippi. A feature of the new Greenville will be a public parking area, laid out between the business block fronting the main highway and the church buildings, which will stand adjacent to the residence area. This parking space will serve those visiting shops, the churches, and the county courthouse.

**Judge Sends Prisoner to  
Jail Which He Prefers**

WATERBURY, CONN.—When Michael DeCicco, 34, came before City Judge Theobald Conway on a disturbance charge, the prisoner pleaded to be sent to New Haven county jail in lieu of payment of \$10 and costs. DeCicco told the judge he much preferred the county jail to the local Brookside jail, from which he had escaped twice. "I don't like the diet at Brookside," he said. His plea was granted.

**He's Mayor by Coin**

NORTH KINGSVILLE, TEX.—Gilbert H. Myers won the office of mayor by the flip of a coin. Myers had tied with P. H. Boerngen. Both declined a recount of votes and agreed to let the coin decide.

**800 Claim Share  
In Oil Estate of  
Wealthiest Indian**

**Four Years of Litigation  
Over Barnett Fortune  
Is Nearing End.**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—The four years of litigation over the estate of Jackson Barnett, 92 years old, full blooded Creek, illiterate farmer of Henryetta, Okla., and Los Angeles, Calif., called the world's richest Indian.

More than 800 persons from several states and Canada have claimed shares of the \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 oil estate as relatives of the old redskin who died May 29, 1934, at his palatial home in Los Angeles.

Judge Williams took the case under advisement June 30, 1938.

**Poverty Stricken 77 Years.**

Barnett, who died at 92, knew only poverty until he was 77. During the Civil war, he lived in Kentucky and Tennessee. Later, he worked on a wagon freight line between Kansas and Indian territory.

Between 1877 and 1895 he operated a ferry boat across the Arkansas river near Muskogee for 50 cents a day. Then he moved to a small, rocky farm near Henryetta, Okla., built a one room log cabin and acquired a pack of hounds.

Then, in 1919, oil was discovered on his land allotment and money began pouring into his account in the five civilized tribes agency. Eventually, it amounted to about \$10,000,000.

But Barnett, unable to grasp the significance of his wealth, remained in his cabin. With money issued to him by the agency, he bought some Indian ponies and a supply of nickel cigars and seemed contented.

To Barnett's farm early in 1920 went an automobile bearing Mrs. Anna Laura Lowe, 40 years old, white, mother of a daughter who subsequently became known to print as Mrs. Maxine Sturgis. Mrs. Lowe took Crazy Jack to Coffeyville, Kan., where they were married and a little later to Neosho, Mo., where the ceremony was repeated.

**PAID VACATIONS FOR BAKERS**

NEW YORK CITY.—Local 50, Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America has renewed more than half of its contracts for 1940, and expects renewal of all in the near future. Provision for two weeks' vacation with pay is a feature of the agreements. Other provisions include pay for holidays, equal pay for equal work, a guaranteed minimum wage of \$26 per week for all male workers, a maximum working week of not more than 40 hours, time and half for overtime.

**ABDUCTION SUIT**

But the government, as guardian for the illiterate Indian, charged Mrs. Lowe was an adventuress who had kidnaped Barnett. An annual suit was prosecuted unsuccessfully in one court and another for the next 13 years.

In 1927, the genial Indian placed his thumb print on two checks for \$550,000 each, one for Mrs. Barnett and the other for the American Baptist Home Missionary society.

Again, the government went to court and obtained a refund from the society and a partial refund from Mrs. Barnett.

A month before Barnett's death, his wife virtually was eliminated as a claimant to his estate when Federal Judge William P. James of California ruled that her marriage to the Indian was invalid because he was mentally incompetent.

There were many ramifications in the fight over Barnett's black gold fortune. The house committee on Indian affairs once investigated his gifts and criticized Albert B. Fall, late secretary of the interior, for permitting official approval of them.

Fear torments many who are afraid of disease, loss of work, and security in old age.

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**WORK FOR IDLE HELD GREAT-  
EST NEED**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Work for the unemployed was emphasized at the recent White House Conference on Children in a Democracy. A report on "Economic Aid to Families" submitted to the conference said: "The greatest need for the children of America is work for the 8 or 9 million unemployed adults—real work at real wages—whether in private employment or on a Federal work program—and a prospect that there will be work for the children themselves as they reach a working age."

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