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THE COLORED STATE FAIR BEST EVER HELD

8,700 PEOPLE PASSED THRU GATES THURS.

A Howling Success—More Interest Manifested than Ever Before in Its History

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Great Annual Foot Ball Game Between Benedict and Allen Prize Fight New Feature

The Negro State Fair, the accustomed Fall Festival for the colored people of South Carolina closed last Saturday with the greatest success of its long history of eighteen years, so said Dr. John H. Goodwin, the president, and who has held that office for twelve successive years.

The people of South Carolina, manifested more interest than ever before, the opposition of certain newspapers, the adverse criticism of unscrupulous persons notwithstanding.

The exhibits were more general over the state, the crowd was larger than ever before on Thursday, the big day.

It is estimated that more than 8,000 people passed thru the gates on Thursday.

SAME OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The directors of the Fair Association met at Bethel A. M. E. church on Sumter St., on Wednesday night and re-elected the same officers for the year 1926, which are as follows: Dr. J. H. Goodwin, President, Columbia; Green Jackson, Esq., Secretary, Columbia; Prof. T. L. Duckett, Benedict College, Supt. T. A. Williams, Newberry, Treasurer.

The following directors were elected by Congressional districts: Rev. S. M. Walker, 1st district, Summerton; W. S. Watson, 2nd district, Ridge Spring; G. C. Williams, 3rd district, Newberry.

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SNATCHED FROM THE GALLOWS GOES FREE

N. A. A. C. P. STARTS \$50,000 DEFENSE FUND

TO FIGHT FOR LIBERTY AND CITIZENSHIP

American Fund for Public Service Gives \$5,000 and offers \$15,000 More

IT IS DO NOW, OR NEVER

Messrs. Louis Marshall and Moorfield Storey are Giving their Services Free

New York, Oct. 30—On the day that Clarence Darrow begins his court defense in Detroit of Dr. O. H. Sweet and 10 other colored people, charged with murder for defending Dr. Sweet's home from a mob, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, announces it has begun to collect a \$50,000 Defense Fund to be used in fighting the Sweet and other civil rights cases.

\$5,000 has been given outright to the N. A. A. C. P. Defense Fund by the American Fund for Public Service, known also as the Garland Fund, and \$15,000 more has been offered on condition that the N. A. A. C. P. raises \$30,000 to meet it, that is, two dollars for every dollar given by the Garland Fund.

In announcing the N. A. A. C. P. Legal Defense Fund Campaign, James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., said:

"Are 12,000,000 Negroes in America ready to back up the N. A. A. C. P. in the fight for liberty and the common rights of citizenship for every colored man, woman and child in

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NATIONAL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS

THE WEEK'S EDITORIALS: COLORED PRESS.

(From The Detroit Independent, Oct. 23, 1925.)

THE RACE'S CALL.

Mr. Clarence Darrow of Chicago, the nation's most renowned criminal lawyer; Mr. Arthur Garfield Hays of New York of national fame and one of Detroit's most outstanding attorneys, all white, have been retained by the N. A. A. C. P. to defend Dr. O. H. Sweet, his two brothers and seven others, now being held on murder charge. With these attorneys will be associated Attorneys Julian W. Perry, principal counsel for Dr. Sweet; Cecil Rowlette, and Chas. H. Mahoney, all three of these men of color represent some of the best legal talent of Darrow in this case has brought The very presence of Mr. our city.

A new angle of public sentiment and we think favorably so. Public sentiment is one of the essential elements now needed, in this case, as in many others. The National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. of New York made a masterly stroke when it secured the service of Mr. Darrow, not only are the Sweets and their associates on trial,

but also the entire colored citizenry of Detroit, yea, the colored people of this country. At this time the N. A. A. C. P. is fighting 17 restricted white neighborhood cases throughout the United States.

The price of Dr. Sweet's defense is the price of the defense of every colored man's rights in Detroit, to live where his money will buy without interferences. One dollar from every man and woman of this city is but trivial. This small amount, however, would be large enough to make the fight complete and evidence the fact that we deserve the sacrifice of the N. A. A. C. P. and the able attorneys in the case.

Thus far, the citizens of Detroit have responded splendidly, but so far as raising money we have just started. Through the N. A. A. C. P. and the City Wide Citizens' Committee we are well organized to collect all necessary funds.

We are sure that every red blooded man and woman will not fail to respond to the race's call.

H. (Floyd J. Calvin in The Pittsburgh Courier, Oct. 24, '25.)

The N. A. A. C. P. announces it has secured Clarence Darrow eminent criminal lawyer, to defend Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Sweet and nine other defendants in the Detroit murder case, which resulted after the defense Dr. Sweet made of his home in a "white" neighborhood. The presence of Mr. Darrow assures that no pains will be spared to not only free the defendants, but to vindicate them in the stand which they took and the principle on which they acted.

Mr. Darrow, already famous,

NEGRO TAXPAYERS WIN FULL SCHOOL TERM IN SMITHFIELD, N. C.

C. L. W. Smith of Smithfield, N. C., reports to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that colored tax payers of that city recently won a fight for a full 8 months' school term for their children. When the Board of Trustees of the Smithfield Schools ignored petitions asking them to change their ruling reducing the school term to 6 months, the colored taxpayers filled a complaint in court and had a summons issued against the Board of Trustees.

Before the time set for a court hearing the Trustees agreed to meet with E. J. Welton, attorney for the colored taxpayers, and passed a resolution directing that the Smithfield Graded Schools be operated for a term of not less than 8 months with requirements met for a standard accredited high school.

According to figures compiled by the Negro taxpayers, it was shown that they were entitled to an expenditure of \$10,688 on their schools annually and that the expenditure had fallen about \$2,000 short of that sum.

A turtle can lay 150 eggs in half an hour.

May, June, and July are the greatest rainfall months in Cuba.

In Denmark, milk, even for pigs, must be pasteurized.

gained wider fame as the defender of Leopold and Loeb, the two "intellectual" murderers of Chicago, and still wider fame as the unsuccessful defender of John T. Scopes at Dayton, Tenn., last July in the famous Evolution case, in which William Jennings Bryan played his last act in the drama of life. Mr. Darrow's exposure of Mr. Bryan by cross examination was the highlight of the evolution fiasco.

Negroes the country over will await breathlessly the outcome of this case. A colored man's house was attacked by a white mob. The man fired from within. A member of the mob was killed. A clear case of a man defending his home. What will the verdict be?

Added interest is aroused because the case comes up in Detroit, a typical Northern City. It will likely prove a precedent for other cases. If the decision is adverse, it may be the signal to a determined movement to retard the expansion of Negroes in decent and respectful communities. If it is favorable to the defendants, it will be the signal to other Negroes to hold their own against all odds.

The N. A. A. C. P. was wise in securing such able counsel for the defendants. On such a momentous issue, no stone should be left unturned to get a right start on a question with such far-reaching consequences.

NEXT SESSION

JUNE 1926, TO BE HELD IN COLUMBIA

10,000 Delegates and Visitors to Invade The Palmetto Capital

WAS THROUGH DR. WHITE

He is Backed by City Council and Chamber of Commerce of the City

South Carolina will be the host of the greatest gathering of Negro religious workers in her long history when next June the 12th, 10,000 Sunday School workers, B. Y. P. U. Presidents and leaders, the National Laymen League will assemble in Columbia.

The bringing of this National Baptist Sunday School Congress to this state was through the untiring efforts of Dr. J. C. White, pastor of Zion Baptist church, and president of the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention. Two years ago, Dr. White tried to get this great National Congress here, when Cincinnati, Ohio took it from Columbia.

Dr. White then had the backing of the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce, which he will have this year.

Definite information of the National Baptist Congress coming to Columbia was communicated to Dr. White in a telegram from the Congress' Secretary, Dr. Henry Allen Boyd from Chicago, where the Committee met on Oct. 18th.

The National Baptist Sunday School Congress is the most efficient, the largest body of Sunday School workers in the world

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TWICE TRIED, CONVICTED OF MURDER

Wartime Finger Prints From the War Department Sets Payne Boyd Free

WAS MISTAKEN IDENTITY

The State's Attorneys have been Convinced that he is not the Man Wanted

After being twice tried and convicted of the murder of an aged man in May, 1918, Payne Boyd, West Virginia colored man, goes free, the State's attorneys having become convinced he has been the victim of a case of mistaken identity of Payne Boyd as distinguished from Cleveland Boyd, the man sought in connection with the murder.

The Bluefield, West Va., Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People raised \$1,000 to fight Boyd's case. Other West Virginia Branches of the N. A. A. C. P. organized Payne Boyd clubs throughout the State and aroused public interest in the case.

Payne Boyd, was further identified by both white and colored citizens who testified that he was not the man wanted for the murder. Walter V. Ross, prosecuting attorney of Mercer County, West Va., declared that had the finger prints been introduced in the evidence at either of the earlier trials of Payne Boyd, in his opinion the verdict of the juries would have been different.

According to the Bluefield Daily Telegraph, the case "has attracted more interest than any other case which has been tried in Mercer County. In its second trial, the State

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