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GRAND LODGE F. & A. MASONS MEETS HERE NEXT WEEK



C. C. JOHNSON, Grand Master

DARROW'S PLEA BRINGS TEARS AT CLOSE OF SWEET TRIAL

A jammed court room was moved to tears by the closing plea of Clarence Darrow, attorney retained by the N. A. A. C. P. to defend Dr. Ossian Sweet and ten other colored people from the charges of murder in connection with the shooting of mobbists attacking Dr. Sweet's home on September 9 last.

"To me this case is a cross section of history and a study of human emotions," declared Mr. Darrow. "It involves the future and the hope of some of us that the future shall be better than the past."

In speaking of the defendants Mr. Darrow said:

"I speak not only for them but for a race which, however you may do, will go on and on to heights never reached before. I speak for a million Negroes who have some hope and faith remaining in the institutions of the land. I speak to you in behalf of those whose ancestors were brought here in chains. I speak in behalf of the faces, those black faces, which have

haunted this court room ever since this trial began. I ask you in behalf of yourselves, our race, to see that no harm comes to them. I ask you in the name of the future to do justice in this case."

The Detroit Times, reporting the scene in the courtroom during Mr. Darrow's plea, says: "Darrow's plea was marked by all the tense emotion, the deep pathos which won him his reputation. The spectators kept a hushed silence, one or two dabbing at their eyes with handkerchiefs at his references to the plight of the black race. When Darrow finished he wiped an eye and sat down amid a hush shattered only as the judge found words and signaled the prosecutor to start his final plea."

SMITH-HUGHES WORKERS CLOSE TWO DAYS CONFERENCE AT STATE COLLEGE

Orangeburg, S. C.—More than ninety state teachers of Smith-Hughes Agriculture, Home Economics and Industries closed a successful and interesting two days conference here today.

Among prominent speakers to those black faces, which have



J. I. WASHINGTON, Deputy Grand Master

58TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Opening Meeting at Sidney Park Park C. M. E. Church, Monday Night, Dec. 8th

DR. C. C. JOHNSON, G. M.

Tuesday and Wednesday Sessions will be Held at Bethel Metropolitan Church

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of which Dr. C. C. Johnson is G. M., and E. J. Sawyer Secretary will hold their 58th Annual Session here next week.

The opening exercises will be held at Sidney Park C. M. E. Church, Blanding Street, Monday night Dec. 7th at 8 P. M. Rev. W. E. Turner, Pastor.

A splendid program has been arranged and will be carried out.

The memorial exercises will be held at Bethel A. M. E. Church of which Bro. E. A. Adams is pastor, on Tuesday night for those who departed during last year, led by Grand Marshall under the direction of Bro. D. Davis, Grand Treasurer.

The address to be delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. H. M. Moore, late of 2nd Calvary Baptist Church, this city, but now of Charlotte.

Homes are being solicited and are being gotten for the brethren and a larger crowd is expected. Bro. H. P. Sharper is Chairman of Housing Committee. Bro. W. H. Thomas, is chairman of Executive Committee and H. H. Mobley Master of Ceremonies.

Sargent, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and several state Directors of Smith Hughes work. Important among the items discussed was a decision that, beginning June 21 1926, there would be held what is to be known as "Vocational Week", when all the Smith-Hughes boys and girls, school patrons, and Jeanne workers shall meet and discuss phases of their respective vocations. This will bring together at the State College more than four hundred workers.

Of equal interest with results of this conference is the new opportunities that are to come to Colored teachers of the state, the result of a conference President Wilkinson of State College had in Columbia during the past week with prominent white officials. Study centers, formerly only accorded white teachers, are to be provided at the expense of the state for Colored teachers. Many of these centers are to function immediately and others to be added soon.

BISHOP JOHNSON TO BE HERE

Bishop J. Albert Johnson, Presiding Bishop of North Carolina will preach at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Monday night, December 7th, 1925, at 8:00 P. M.

The public is cordially invited to hear this noted churchman.

SWEET JURY DISAGREES

NEW TRIAL IN JANUARY

8 Defendants on \$5,000 Bail Each, Given by Detroit Colored Citizens

46 HOURS OF ARGUMENT

Lawyer Darrow will Urge Bail for Remaining 8 Defendants on December 2

New York Nov. 28—Walter White, Assisstant Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., returned this morning from Detroit where he had been throughout the trial of Dr. Ossian H. Sweet and ten other Negroes, charged with murder for defending Dr. Sweet home from a mob on Sept. 9.

Mr. White's report of the present status of the Sweet case, which has commanded nationwide attention, is as follows:

After 46 hours of violent argument, which could be heard sometimes by persons outside the jury room, the jury disagreed. It was rumored that jurors had stood for acquittal and seven for acquittal of 8 defendants and conviction of second degree murder for 3 of the defendants. The jury was dismissed at 1:31 P. M. on Friday, Nov. 27 and shortly thereafter Mr. Darrow filed a motion for a new trial and made a second motion that all eleven defendants be admitted to bail. A new trial has been agreed upon for the 1st week in January. 8 of the defendants were at once admitted to bail in \$5,000 each which was furnished by colored citizens of Detroit, but opposition from the prosecutor in the case of the remaining three, led Judge Frank Murphy to set Wednesday, Dec. 2, for argument. Mr. White will return to Detroit in time for argument for bail for these 3 defendants who will be held until then. Dr. Ossian H. Sweet, Henry Sweet and Leonard Morris.

Contrary to published reports in the daily press, Mr. Darrow has not yet asked for separate trials for each of the 11 defendants but he announced that he probably would do so.

The N. A. A. C. P. announced in connection with the news of the disagreement and the motion for a new trial that it would fight the case while there was any court in the land to appeal to until the 11 colored people were acquitted.

Mr. White that the expense of the trial to date had been about \$20,000, the transcript testimony alone costing \$2,081.60.

"One of the most impressive sights I have ever seen," declared Mr. White, "was the way in which the colored people in Detroit flocked to the trial. At half after midnight on Thanksgiving morning, when the jury was still arguing and sent out for instructions, the courtroom was packed. At 2:10 in the morning, when the jury was sent to bed, bailiffs had to make way through the crowd for the jurymen. All Thanksgiving Day colored people remained waiting and watching, many of them

JULIUS ROSENWALD OFFERS \$2,000 TO N. A. A. C. P. DEFENSE FUND

Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, well-known philanthropist who has given many schools for colored people in the South, has offered \$2,000 to the \$50,000 Legal Defense Fund being raised by the N. A. A. C. P., the condition being set forth in the following letter written by William C. Graves, Secretary to Mr. Rosenwald:

Dear Mr. Johnson:— Referring to our recent correspondence, Mr. Rosenwald will be glad to contribute \$2,000 to the \$50,000 Defense Fund you are raising: payments to be made as follows:

1. When the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has collected \$24,000 out of the \$50,000, upon receipt of lists of contributors showing the amount paid in by each, Mr. Rosenwald's check for \$1,000 will be forth coming.

2. When the Society has collected \$24,000 in addition to the \$25,000 mentioned in the preceding paragraph, and a list of contributors and the amount paid by each has been received, Mr. Rosenwald's second check for \$1,000 will be sent to you.

Wishing you success with the Fund, I am,

Sincerely yours, William C. Graves.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES OF GEORGE GIBSON

Born and Reared Here, Where he Spent the Major Portion of His Life

On Thursday, Nov. 26, the funeral services of Mr. George E. Gibson were held at Sidney Park C. M. E. Church.

Mr. Gibson has been ill for some time, yet, when he passed away it was quite a shock to both family and friends as he seemingly had been improving for a while.

He leaves to mourn his loss his widow Mrs. Geo. E. Gibson, Jr., parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson, Sr. Bro. Mr. Arthur Gibson, Sister Mrs. E. H. Bookman, and a host of relatives and friends.

Tho' we're parted, Yet we miss him, In our memory he remains; Tho' our parting be regretful, We shall some day meet again.

going without Thanksgiving dinner in order to be on hand.

"I want to pay tribute to the magnificent way in which Judge Murphy conducted the trial. He did his utmost to exclude the issue of race prejudice and his final charge to the jury was a masterpiece of scholarly learning and judicial impartiality.

"The case has largely changed public sentiment in Detroit. The better class opinion is now with the defendants, although the Klan is of course more bitter than ever. But the N. A. A. C. P. will continue to fight the case and both Messrs. Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays will continue to lead the defense until a conclusion has been reached."



SIR JULIUS A. BROWN, Grand Chancellor, K. of P.

ENDOWMENT BOARD K. of P. MEETS HERE

Members of the Knights of Pythias in South Carolina may increase their policies to \$500 values instead of having them remain at \$300 at age of maturity according to plans said here in the special meeting of the Endowment Board of the Knights of Pythias. The Board met to study an enactment of the Grand Lodge at the Newberry convention last summer which permits an increase of endowment based on a scale worked out and put into practice by other jurisdictions.

Grand Chancellor J. A. Brown is now preparing a proclamation which will be circulated in a few days. The proclamation will explain to the membership the full meaning of the endowment law and also carry statistics and all necessary data to inform the members who may desire to carry the bigger policy values.

The meeting Monday was held in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals on Richland Street. Besides the insurance proposition many other matters of vital importance came up for discussion. From the office of the Grand Master of Exchequer and the Grand Medical Register. The following members of the board were in attendance: J. A. Brown, Charleston, S. C.; E. F. Floyd, Newberry; J. B. Lewie, Columbia, S. C.; R. S. Wilkinson, Orangeburg, A. A. Sims, Union; E. W. Biggs, Greenville; T. A. Williams, Newberry; C. M. Haskew, Cheraw, and J. S. Johnson of Charleston.



J. S. JOHNSON, Member Endowment Board