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## NATIONAL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS COMING

MEETS HERE IN COLUMBIA IN JUNE

The World's Largest School of Bible Study and Modern Sunday School Methods

10,000 PEOPLE EXPECTED

Dr. J. C. White, President of the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention Appeals to Baptist Brotherhood

Columbia will be the host of the National Baptist Sunday School Congress, June 8-15, 1926. This is the largest and the most efficient school of Bible study and modern Sunday School methods to be found on the continent of America. 10,000 delegates and visitors will invade the old Palmetto State next June. Great ministers, business and professional men, educators and orators, biblical analysts and B. Y. P. U. experts together with hundreds of experienced and consecrated teachers will be here men and women.

The National Sunday Congress is really a big Annual Summer School, of Sunday School methods. There the struggling pastors, superintendents and teachers, and presidents of B. Y. P. U. will be shown how to build up a real front line Sunday School, how to maintain a vital B. Y. P. U. organization, and how to glide smoothly over the ups and downs of slumps which naturally come in religious organizations.

Besides this School of methods there will be the National Baptist Laymen Movement and the National Baptist Cadet Corps, which brings hundreds of laymen, and many cadets, in their gay and tidy uniforms, with their own bands.

Dr. Woods, president of the National Baptist Convention, will call the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention to meet in Columbia at the same time, which is composed of preachers from every State in the Union, and this will augment the mammoth crowd by 200 or 300.

Since the Lott-Cary Foreign Convention and the National Baptist Convention of America have been united, this will bring another host of Baptists here, reaching from Boston throughout the New England States down as far as Charlotte, N. C.

In fact people will be here from ocean to ocean, and from the pine fields of Maine to the Everglades of Florida.

I have already heard from Colorado, Florida, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Texas, these States are now planning to run "special trains" to Columbia.

In view of these facts, it would tax the 280,000 Baptists of South Carolina to their utmost to handle this big gathering. I am hereby calling on every minister, superintendent, Sunday School convention presidents together with all the teachers and B. Y. P. U. workers to prepare for this great gathering in June. At the Feb. meeting of the executive board of the Baptist State Convention, Continued on page 8.

## THE SWEETS WITH BAGNALL TOUR 5 CITIES

### N. A. C. P. RECEIVES INTERRACIAL REPORT IN DETROIT FOR SECOND TRIAL

#### PENN. WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Thirty-two Interracial Meetings were had Throughout the State

#### NEGRO BUSINESS INCREASE

In Wilkes-Barre, Negroes and whites for the First time Joined in Music Festival

New York, Jan. 15--The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today received, and made public extracts from the Annual Interracial Report of the Pennsylvania State Department of Welfare.

The report shows that during the past year, 32 interracial meetings were had throughout the State. In Wilkes-Barre, Negroes and whites, for the first time joined in a music festival. In Scranton, a community center was opened for colored people. In Nek Konington, real estate dealers were called into conference to meet the overcrowding and bad housing from which colored people were suffering. In Philadelphia, new employment opportunities for colored people are reported, including factory work.

Segregation is reported on the increase in public schools, especially of Philadelphia and vicinity, and, according to the report, are made to discourage Negroes from completing education. On the other hand, "Business enterprises among Negroes are steadily increasing. Many of the business heads formerly conducted lucrative business places in the South and are successfully promoting the same interests in Pennsylvania. This is serving as a real stimulus to the Northern-born Negro and in many places they are establishing business places in competition with the Southern business men."

The State Welfare Department also reports improving health conditions, and the admission of Negroes to the Chambers of Commerce and other civic and social bodies.

#### PICKENS INVITED FOR LECTURES AT SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Williams Pickens, Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been invited to deliver a series of lectures from January 26 to 28, under the auspices of the Student Association of Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.

Southern sentiment has recently tried to oust colored students from social and other privileges at the College and Mr. Pickens will present the Negro's case. Mr. Pickens is also to address an audience in the High School at Coatesville, Pa. on the subject of "Our American Race Problem."

#### WHO'S WHO IN THE GREAT N. A. A. C. P. GREW A GIANT TOMATO VINE

##### NEGRO KNOWN AS TOMATO KING

Pum Wynne is a Negro known as Tomato King of Columbus, Mississippi

##### VINES ARE 17 FEET HIGH

He is Past the Allotted Threescore and Ten--Gathers Tomatoes with a Stepladder

Pum Wynne is a Negro known as the tomato-king of Columbus, Miss. He grows tomato vines 17 feet high and gathers his tomatoes with a stepladder.

"What are you trying to hand me?" I asked when they told me that, but seeing is believing. I went to see. I found an old Negro, already past his allotted threescore and ten, making an independent living off his his pet hobby. I saw giant stalks stepped to tall slender poles and rooted in soft mellow soil, subsoiled so deep you could have pushed a hoe handle in it halfway to the end. On the stalks were enormous Ponderosa weighing up to three and one-fourth pounds and selling as high as fifty cents apiece.

"Up to three years ago I made my living plying the blacksmith trade," Wynne told me, "I was 72 years old at that time and had laid up enough to make me easy the rest of my life. I decided to retire but found that nothing makes a man more miserable. I couldn't stand it, so I took to growing tomatoes."

"There is no magic in my methods. I simply follow rules already known to successful truck growers everywhere, but I concentrate my activities on a small patch instead of a large acreage. I grow only one eighth of an acre in tomatoes and another eighth in other crops."

"I subsoil the ground as deep as I can work it. That is one reason why I can grow such big vines. Large tomato stalks need lots of loose soil for root development. I go down just as deep as I can with a subsoil plow. I can never get it worked too deep to suit my purposes."

"I use nothing but hand tools from then on. The plants are stalked with stakes 15 to 18 feet high. I keep hoeing all the time to make a mulch and save moisture."

"As to fertilizer, I use nothing but stable manure. I get half this from my own two cows and the other half I buy from another party who also has two."

"I have grown Ponderosa tomatoes on vines up to 17 feet high and tomatoes up to three and one-half pounds in weight. I don't sell any tomatoes to my regular trade from that up to 30 cents. People drive out here to my patch and get them, coming first through curiosity and Continued on page 8.

#### THE WEEKS' EDITORIALS COLORED PRESS

(From the Colorado Statesman, Denver, Colo., Jan. 2, 1926)

#### LET US RESOLVE FOR 1926

To lay aside all characteristic petty jealousies, envies and strife, working courageously for the common good of all.

To see first of all the good that is in others and judge every person to be right until proven wrong.

To curb a gossiping tongue, turn a deaf ear to the scandal monger, and rebuke the fault finder.

To fight without compromise against every evil aggression of our rights as citizens and for full and equal rights of twelve million American citizens.

To support more faithfully the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that its battle for the righteous cause of equality of opportunity may go on unhampered by lack of money or members.

To give to our State, our home and society twelve full months of constructive service.

To spend our dollars and keep faith with the men or business houses that give us credit in the hour of need.

To work at all times for our economic betterment, pray when needed, and strike back when occasion requires.

To be more charitable in our views, more trusting in our leadership, and support without stint these organizations and institutions that have a program for our upbuilding and substantiality as citizens.

To have faith and vision and moral courage; believing in and relying upon our own abilities to succeed, with a simple faith in God.

#### \$50,000 FOR DEFENSE RAISED

Announcement has been made that the drive for \$50,000 Defense Fund made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been successfully completed. Despite the fact that white friends contributed freely to the Fund, it is none the less a cause for satisfaction that colored people gave heavily also. The race has been heretofore too prone to beg and to expect white people to build their churches, schools, and other institutions. This attitude has gained for us the contempt and disrespect of our white fellows. And rights and privileges and equality do not come to people for whom there is a wholesale disrespect. The psychological effect of the race raising this money for its defense will be more valuable than the money itself. When we begin to pay for our own education, our own religion, our own legal defense we will rise in Continued on Page 8

#### M. STOREY PRES. SINCE 1910

At the age of 22, from 67 to 69 was Secretary to the Great Abolitionist, Chas. Sumner

#### OVERSEER OF HARVARD

He Lived Through the Stirring Reconstruction Struggles--Is Still for Equal Rights

Since 1910, Mr. Storey has been President of the N. A. A. C. P. At the age of 22, from 1867 to 1869, he was secretary to the great abolitionist, Senator Charles Sumner, and lived thru the stirring Reconstruction Struggles. Mr. Storey has been an overseer of Harvard College, editor of the American Law Review, President of the American Bar Association, and of the bar associations of his State and city, Massachusetts and Boston. He has written a life of Senator Sumner, published a series of

lectures on the reform of legal procedure and has written numerous essays and pamphlets on matters of public concern. He has been identified with many movements for the public welfare including Civil Service reform, Indian rights, anti-imperialism and the movement for Philippine independence. On January 8, 1926 Mr. Storey appeared before the U. S. Supreme Court, in behalf of the N. A. A. C. P. to argue against residential segregation in the Curtis case.

Mr. Storey filed a brief in the case against "Grandfather Clauses" in 1915, won the Louisville Segregation Case in 1917 and won the Arkansas Cases in 1921. He will also take part in the contest against the Texas "White Primary" law, to come before the Supreme Court in 1926. Not only has Mr. Storey argued the most important cases for the Negro's civil rights without fee,

but has contributed upwards of \$10,000 to the N. A. A. C. P.

Final compilation of contributions to the Legal Defense Fund raised by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, shows that the Philadelphia Branch led all others with gifts of \$3,110.42, although Mass Meetings held in New York City, under the auspices of the Committee of Women netted \$3,975.26.

Boston was second with \$2,285.31. Chicago third with \$1,810 and the other Branches in their order are as follows: Cleveland, \$1,000; District of Columbia, \$1,040.04 (of which a substantial part was raised by Mass Meetings and other functions under the auspices of a committee of women, headed by Mrs. Jennie B. McGuire); Los Angeles, \$1,026; Richmond, Va., \$950.67; Northern Cal. \$500; Toledo, \$452.57; Norfolk, Va., \$450; St. Paul \$390; Springfield Mass., \$360; Newark, N. J., \$329.38; Denver \$316.05; Orange, N. J., \$306; Louisville, Ky., \$300; St. Louis, \$257.35; Indianapolis, \$228.85; New Bedford, \$200; Buffalo, \$200.

MCBETH HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

#### NEW YORK ANTI-KLAN LAW BACKED BY N. A. A. C. P. UPHOLD BY HIGH COURT

The New York State law, whose enactment was backed at legislative hearing by the N. A. A. C. P., requiring secret societies held against the Ku Klux Klan's opposition by the highest State tribunal, the Court of Appeals. Herbert J. Seligmann, the Association's Director of Publicity, appeared at the hearings on the Bill in Albany, to urge enactment of the measure.

The Klan is now attempting to evade the law by incorporating as a "benevolent and fraternal order." It is not believed that the new Klan dodge will be successful.

Union, Jan. 20--The honor roll of the McBeth High School for the month ending January 15, 1926 is as follows:

Pecollia Farr, Arsie Miller, Walter Lee Jeter, Joe Copeland, Bessie Davis, Lillian Richard, Henry Gossette, Robert Talley, Willie Norris, Elnora Duncan.

Dr. Sweet After Completing a Tour of Five Cities is Back in Detroit

#### TOUR MOST SUCCESSFUL

In Philadelphia 2,500 Persons Turned Out and Gave \$846 to the Defense Fund

New York, Jan. 15--Dr. Osian H. Sweet who spoke at the Annual Mass Meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has returned to Detroit to await his second trial after completing a tour of five cities with Robert W. Dagnall, Director of Branches.

The tour was most successful. In Philadelphia 2,500 persons turned out and gave \$846 to the defense fund. In Baltimore an audience of 300 heard about the case, giving \$145. In Pittsburg 1,200 braved the blizzard to be present at the Sweet meeting and gave \$873. In Cleveland 2,000 people crowded the meeting place and others were turned away. The people of Cleveland contributed \$1,157; George Hooper leading off with a check for \$100. Everywhere the people were most enthusiastic in their interest.

On the tour Mr. Dagnall told the story of the Sweet Case while Dr. Sweet talked of conditions in Detroit that occasioned his case.

PHILADELPHIA LED N. A. A. C. P. BRANCHES IN GIFTS FOR LEGAL DEFENSE

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