

Can't Exclude Negroes From Residential Sections.

Washington, March 15.—The Supreme court today reiterated its position of 1917 that laws aiming to exclude negroes from white residential sections are invalid, in a case from New Orleans.

Without a written opinion, the court by an order announced by Chief Justice Taft, reversed a case brought by Benjamin Harmon, negro, in which he had been prohibited under New Orleans and Louisiana laws from establishing a residence for negroes in a white section without the consent of a majority of the white residents.

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Surry Confederate Veterans Elect Officers—Prepare For Tampa Reunion.

We, the Confederate Veterans of Camp 797, met in the town hall the 12th of February, paid our dues, and elected the following officers for the coming year: Z. T. Smith, Commander; G. Y. Nichols, Adjt. Commander; J. D. Creed, First Lieut.; J. H. Freeman, Second Lieut.; J. S. Bell, Quartermaster, D. V. Price, Chaplain.

Delegates to the Reunion in Tampa, Fla., the 5th to 8th of April, were elected as follows: J. G. Burrus, G. Y. Nichols, Z. T. Smith and J. F. Miller.

Delegates to State Reunion at Raleigh, are J. S. Bell, J. H. Freeman, George Burrus and G. Y. Nichols.

We, Veterans of Surry Camp 797, at this time wish to thank the Board of County Commissioners, for the generous donation which enables us to attend the reunion this year, and Mr. Frank Folger for interceding in our behalf, and we are deeply grateful to Hon. John Folger for his help in getting the bill passed which raised our pensions to \$1.00 per day, and we also thank Mr. M. A. Pendleton for courteous attention at the depot.

Those who expect to attend the reunion from here, are C. W. Bunker, G. Y. Nichols, J. H. Freeman, and Z. T. Smith with Miss Isabell Smith as sponsor for the camp. Mrs. Albert Goldsmith as sponsor and Mrs. P. S. Rothrock as State Representative on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief U. C. V. will go with the party to Tampa.

The Veterans

Edwin B. Bridges Made Commissioner of Pardons.

Raleigh, March 16.—Edwin B. Bridges, of Charlotte, will become Governor McLean's new Commissioner of pardons to succeed H. Hoyle Sinks, who advances to the superior court bench.

The governor made the appointment of Mr. Bridges this afternoon, acting quickly after public announcement of Sinks' promotion.

Hyde Park, Vermont, claims the United States savings record. Deposits in its single bank shows an average of \$7,717 for each of the 268 inhabitants of the village.

EQUALIZATION FUND IS EXPLAINED BY McLEAN

Declares it "Most Important Contribution To Educational Advancement."

Raleigh, March 11.—Governor McLean, discussing a single legislative act today, declared that the \$3,250,000 equalizing fund authorized by the late general assembly is "the most important contribution to educational advancement."

The governor has appointed an equalizing commission to direct the distribution of this fund. He explains today how the fund will be worked and credits it with bearing one-fourth of the expense incident to the maintenance of a six months school term. The fund, he declares is about twice the size of the 1925 allotment and four times what the celebrated legislature of 1921 provided. So well does the executive think of the act that there must be some doubt that all the pressure for this fund came from back home. His excellency is a booster. Of this legislation he said today:

"Of the many important acts of the general assembly just adjourned a most important one was the contribution to educational advancement."

"This general assembly has provided the largest equalization fund in the history of the state. It is more than twice as large as the appropriation in 1925 and nearly four times as large as the 1921 fund. It is probably the most far-reaching piece of school legislation that has been enacted into law within a decade. The less wealthy counties which have been struggling under the burden of taxation on land will feel a great measure of relief in the application of this fund."

"The fund will pay approximately 25 per cent of the necessary operating cost of the six months school term, including teachers' salaries and 15 per cent of the salaries for current expenses in from 85 to 90 participating counties."

"(1). The method of distribution is based upon the simplest kind of calculations. Any one in possession of the basic facts can determine in a few moments the amount that any participating county is entitled to draw from this fund. The basic facts are the total wealth of the county and the total cost of teachers' salaries plus 15 per cent of the salaries on operating fund."

"(2). Heretofore, the equalization fund has been expended for teachers' salaries only. In this new bill consideration is given to the total cost of instruction in the county for the six months school term plus 15 per cent of the cost of instruction to be used in the county in paying a part of the current expenses for the six months school term other than teachers' salaries. This will be of great advantage to the small and weaker counties. One of the finest features of the act is the provision it makes to care first for the weaker and most needy counties in the state, and they will have more consideration than they have heretofore enjoyed in the distribution of the equalizing fund."

"(3). In order to participate, a county must collect an amount of money from its own resources which is equal to a 40-cent tax on the values as determined by the board of equalization. When this amount of money is collected, the balance necessary to pay the salaries of the teachers and to produce an operating fund equal to 15 per cent of the teachers' salaries will be paid out of the equalization fund."

"(4). The administration of this bill will provide for a considerable reduction in the ad valorem taxes now collected for the support of six months school term in from 85 to 90 counties. It is estimated that in some counties the reduction will be from 25 to 30 cents on the hundred dollar value."

"(5). The effect of this increased fund will then be felt by 85 per cent of the people in the state who now pay ad valorem taxes for the support of the six months school."

"The purpose of this measure is to reduce the taxes for schools in the various counties and school districts. The county and school authorities should see to it that this purpose is carried out for the fiscal year beginning July 1 when the first installment of the equalizing fund becomes effective. If it does not reduce local taxes for schools as I have indicated it will be the fault of the local authorities."

"The effect of the large equalizing fund is to transfer about 25 per cent of the operating cost of the six months school from farm and other local property to indirect taxes levied by the state."

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