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WHODUNIT authors Manfred Lee (left) and Rex Stout confer during lawn party which drew more than 200 people. Lee is author of the Ellery Queen series of mysteries, Stout is the creator of Nero Wolfe.

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Miss Anderson’s NAACP Benefit Draws Over 200

By JON KORPER

DANBURY—More than 200 people attended a benefit lawn party Sunday at the Marianna Farm home (Joe’s Hill Rd.) of singer Marian Anderson. Sponsored by the Danbury Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the $10-a-person affair netted over $3,000 for the association’s Freedom Fund.

Despite 90-degree temperatures, guests gathered beneath a green and white striped canopy to sample for all people, or just for white people.”

Other important area people
Hollywood actors host NAACP benefit affair

NEW MILFORD, Conn. — Academy Award winner Fredric March and his wife, Florence Eldrige, were hosts to a benefit performance of the Langston Hughes' gospel play "Jericho Jim Crow," sponsored by the Danbury branch of the NAACP.

Torrential rains prevented the musical from being staged on the tennis court of the March's country estate. However, approximately 700 persons filled the local high school auditorium for the benefit which grossed nearly $9,000, including an anonymous $1,500 contribution.

Mr. and Mrs. March were on hand to greet the guests who included such celebrities as mystery writer Rex Stout, Marian Anderson, Arthur Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brubeck.

Also included in the audience were 35 delegates from the United Nations, representing such countries as Iraq, Austria, Italy and several African nations. President of the Danbury branch is Dr. Frederick G. Adams.