

ALABAMA

MONTHLY REPORT OF ROSENWALD BUILDING AGENT

FOR MONTH OF August 31, 1931
(To be made in triplicate)

ITINERARY REPORT

Day of Month	Community Visited	Purpose
1st	Enroute from Washington D.C.	
2nd	Enroute to Montgomery	
3rd	Office	Working
4th	Office	Working
5th	Tuskegee	Visiting summer school
6th	Tuscumbia-Florence	Working on school projects
7th	A. & M. Institute	Visiting summer school
8th	Florence	Working on school project
9th	Home	Church
10th	Office	Working
11th	Birmingham	Attending Interracial Conference
12th	State Teachers College	Commencement
13th	Tuskegee Institute	Holding conference with summer school workers
14th	Office	Working
15th	Office	Working
16th	Home	Church
17th	Cottage Grove	Visiting Training School Community
18th	Lineville-Ashland	Working on a Vocational shop project
19th	Talladega College	Working on a shop project
20th	Camphill	Speaking at school rally
21st	Sulligent	Speaking at county adult school closing
22nd	Jasper-Parrish	Speaking at school closing
23rd	Home	Church
24th	Office	Working
25th	Linden	Working on a shop project
26th	Office	writing letters
27th	Office	Working
28th	Beatrice	Raising money for a shop
29th	Monroe County	Working on the shop project
30th	Beatrice	Speaking at a great-mass meeting
31st	Enroute to Montgomery	From Beatrice

NARRATIVE REPORT

(Write on pages two and three a narrative account of building progress or prospects in the counties with which you have been in touch during month, and any significant items of news about Negro education in your state, especially in the field of activity of the Rosenwald Fund. Human interest stories are particularly desirable.)

We worked very hard with the rural program this month and some very fine projects were put over. I found the County Superintendents and Board members very much interested in getting over as many projects as possible.

6th. We visited one of our projects at Tusculumbia, Alabama. While we didn't raise any money we were able to create renewed interest and we are hoping in the fall to get under way a red hot campaign and complete this project.

7th. We visited the summer school at the A. & M. Institute. We found a very interesting group doing some excellent work. President Drake, has the work well in hand at the college, and he is receiving substantial support from all sources. His program of improvement at the school is going big.

11th. We attended the Interracial Conference at Birmingham. Some very fine things were gotten over at this meeting. A fine spirit prevailed.

18th Ashland-Lineville. This date was given to Clay County, in the interest of a shop project. We were called before the County Board of Education to make a plea for the shop. We found the Board in a fine mood and ready to cooperate with us. After our explanation, while we were yet on the floor, one of the board members moved that the vocational shop be built at Lineville for the Negroes, it was promptly seconded and the project went over with a bang. The Board also voted to appropriate money for the salary of the teacher for home economics.

19th We gave this date to the project in Talladega County. Shop and a four teacher school. Sufficient to say, we got both projects over, and the applications have been approved.

20th This date was spent at Camphill, where we have been working hard to complete a County Training School building. This building is just about finished, and it is the talk of the county. It certainly has added encouragement to the colored people of Tallapoosa County.

21st We spent this date with the closing of the county wide Opportunity schools at Sulligent. Ten adult schools had been taught in the county for six weeks with a very heavy enrollment of illiterates. On this date all of the schools met at Sulligent, where

a great demonstration was held. More than a thousand people attended this meeting. The County Superintendent was present and made a very encouraging talk, and further pledged his support to the program of Negro education in Lamar County. It will be remembered that Superintendent Smith has always shown a very sympathetic attitude towards the work in his county. The County Supervisor, Miss Ruby Todd, deserves a deal of credit for the fine way in which she has organized the county, and in a general way built up a fine sentiment for Negro education.

25th We gave this date to Marengo County. We visited the County Training School at Thomaston, and the Superintendent of Education at Linden in the interest of the vocational shop. This shop is nearing completion. We had a great rally on Sunday at which time we raised near forty dollars for the shop. While this was a small amount of money, it looked very big in these times of depression. I never saw a finer and more willing spirit among a group of people. Some gave one dollar, while others strained themselves and gave twenty-five cents. This was a great meeting for these people. They are so glad to have the shop.

We feel with four shops, and one four teacher building to our credit for the month is very encouraging.

We anticipate a good program for the Fall and Winter.

We feel with the opening of the schools during the months of September and October and the return to the job of the County Supervisors our work shall take on new life.

We shall not let up, but with renewed vigor shall press the claim of the rural program, God helping us.

SUMMARY OF ROSENWALD BUILDING PROJECTS FOR THE MONTH

1. Buildings Completed During Month

Application Number	County	School	Plan and Number Rooms	Cost	Contribution Rosenwald Fund

TOTAL

II. Approved Rosenwald Building Applications Filed

	County	School	Plan and Number Rooms	Estimated Cost
1 - K	Monroe	Shop at Co. Trg. School	State Plan 4-rooms	\$ 3,825.00
2 - K	Talladega	" " " " "	" " " "	3,500.00
3 - K	Clay	" " " " "	" " " "	3,900.00
4 - K	Marengo	" " " " "	" " " "	3,900.00
5 - K	Talladega	Mt. Olive	4-room	4,316.00

III. Incompleted Buildings Inspected During Month

	County	School	Plan and Number Rooms	Estimated Cost

\$19,441.00

IV. Rosenwald Building Prospects

County	School	Type Needed	Money Raised
Monroe	County Training School	Six	Good
Clay	" " " "	Five	Good
Coosa	" " " "	Five	Fair
Talladega	" " " "	Six	Good

V. Rosenwald Schools Visited

County	School	Number Teachers	Impression
Monroe	County Training School	Six	Good
Clay	" " " "	Five	Good
Coosa	" " " "	Five	Fair
Talladega	" " " "	Six	Good
Lamar	Public School-Sulligent	Two	Good
Walker	Public School-Parrish	Three	Good
Marengo	County Training School	Six	Good

Date August 31st, 1931

(Signed)

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