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ALABAMA

MONTHLY REPORT OF ROSENWALD BUILDING AGENT

FOR MONTH OF November, 19 31

(To be made in triplicate)

ITINERARY REPORT

Day of Month	Community Visited	Purpose
1st	Church (Sunday)	
2nd	Office	Making reports
3rd	Office	Working
4th	Birmingham	Visiting public schools
5th	Decatur	Institute
6th	Decatur	Institute
7th	Huntsville	Institute
8th	Normal (Sunday)	
9th	Scottsboro	Institute
10th	Enroute to Montgomery	
11th	Office	Working
12th	Sheffield	For the Institute
13th	Sheffield	Institute
14th	Sheffield	Institute
15th	Moulton	Working on a painting project
16th	Athens	Institute
17th	Office	Making reports
18th	Office	Answering correspondence
19th	Clay County	Working on a rally for the vocational shop
20th	Lineville	Institute
21st	City and office	Working
22nd	Church	City
23rd	St. Clair	Working on a three teacher project
24th	Birmingham	Conference
25th	Montgomery County	Working on a consolidated school project
26th	Office	Working
27th	Monroe County	Spoke and inspected County Training School
28th	Monroeville	Institute
29th	Montgomery County	Working on a three teacher project
30th	Office	Making reports
31st		

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.)

This has been a very busy month for our work. The institute program has kept us very busy, while at nights we have pushed with vigor our rural building program.

Because of the scarcity of funds with the rural people it has not been an easy task to raise money for building purposes, and yet the spirit for the work has never been better. We get calls from various counties asking for help and for advice in the great struggle for making schools better, yet the communities themselves have not been in position to qualify for the available funds coming from the state and other sources.

The shop project at Lineville, Clay county has just about been completed, and we are hoping to see the work started in the next few weeks at least.

The shops in Talladega and Monroe Counties have been completed, and are almost equipped for work.

The three teacher school project in Talladega county has been completed and we have another project well under way in the same county.

We worked out plans for a three teacher school at Ashville, and have a large part of the money in the bank, and enough material on the grounds to construct the outside of the building. We are hoping as soon as the County Board of Education is in position to recommend their part of the funds to see the work started on this project.

Our program for painting and repairing the older schools of the state is well under way. Our appeal for this type of work is meeting with a hearty response by the teachers as well as the patrons. One school in Limestone County has already been repaired and painted, and others are under way in Lauderdale, Lawrence, Coffee and Crenshaw Counties. It is our plan to repair a great number of these old buildings in the near future.

We are now working on a three teacher consolidated project in Montgomery County near the city. Much enthusiasm has been injected into this project and we are hoping to see it go in a big way. Each community is to raise three hundred dollars, which will qualify the project for the state and Rosenwald fund.

During the month we conducted seven institutes in various parts of the state, handling more than seven hundred teachers. Because of the great crisis through which the schools are passing in Alabama we have attempted at the institutes to encourage the teachers and to keep up the morale of the work. Our lectures and appeals to the teachers for loyalty and consecration to the work have met with great response. At nights we would hold community meetings and encourage the parents to stand by the schools and to keep the children in school.

As a result of the enrollment campaigns we have put on in different counties the enrollment has shown steady gains in all of the County Training Schools and in a number of instances the smaller schools are over crowded.

At every institute we have had the presence of the county superintendent, for the most part the white supervisor and the child welfare worker. We have had fine cooperation with our work.

If the depression lets up a little I am yet looking to put over a good building program. Superintendents and County Boards have pledged their support as far as it is humanly possible. They are interested in the work and are willing to help make it go. I have never seen a better spirit.

In Colbert County, Mr. Hudson invited us to come to the county, go with him to the various communities and help raise funds with which to take care of the repair program and help as far as possible to supplement the teachers program. Mr. Robinson of Clay county, also asked us to help him with his projects in the county. A finer attitude towards Negro education on the part of those who are charged with administering the affairs of the different counties has never been so much in evidence. One Superintendent said, "I don't see how we are to run our schools, we have no funds." The teachers answered, "We shall work and wait until the funds are forthcoming. We shall support your program." This has been the spirit that has characterized the work in all of the Negro schools of the state. It is our big plan to keep up the morale of the teachers through this depression, and to see that the children do not suffer. Our program must go on, 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
6-K Talladega	Franksdale	3-1-F 3-Teacher	\$3,300.00

III. Incompleted Buildings Inspected During Month

County	School	Plan and Number Rooms	Estimated Cost

IV. Rosenwald Building Prospects

County	School	Type Needed	Money Raised

V. Rosenwald Schools Visited

County	School	Number Teachers	Impression
Monroe	Monroeville	Three	Good
Limestone	Moulton City	Three	Fair
Monroe	County Training	Five	Very good
Clay	County Training	Four	Good
Shelby	Calera	Three	Fair
Shelby	County Training	Five	Good
Coosa	County Training	Five	Fair
Talladega	City of Talladega	Ten	Good

Date November 30th, 19 31

(Signed) M. J. Griffin