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MONTHLY REPORT OF ROSENWALD BUILDING AGENT

FOR MONTH OF December, 1931

(To be made in triplicate)

ITINERARY REPORT

Day of Month	Community Visited	Purpose
1st	Tuskegee	Annual Farmers Conference
2nd	Tuskegee Institute	Annual Farmers Conference
3rd	Luverne	Working on a three teacher school project
4th	Andalusia, Covington Co.	Working on a three teacher rural school project
5th	Shelby County	Spoke at the County Fair
6th	Branch Grove-Montg'y Co.	Making plans for a big school rally
7th	Office	Making reports
8th	Canaan School, Montg'y Co.	Planning for a three
9th	Coosa and Elmore Co.	Visited and spoke to the Training Schools
10th	Talladega Co. Tr. Sch.	Made inspection and addressed the school
11th	Calhoun Co. Tr. Sch.	Addressed a great mass meeting; making plans to repair school
12th	Bradley, Covington Co.	Working on a three teacher consolidated school
13th	Elby - Coffee Co.	Raising money to repair building
14th	Office	Working
15th	Office	Working; mailed out two hundred appeals for funds
16th	Chilton Co. Tr. Sch.	County Farmers Fair; made principal address
17th	Bibb County Tr. Sch.	Inspected Training School; made address
18th	Tuscaloosa-Pickens Co.	Visited Training Schools; made addresses
19th	Pickens County	Organizing for repairing buildings
20th	Church	
21st	Office	Working
22nd	Lineville	Planning for a big rally to raise funds for a shop
23rd	Lineville	Working on a shop project
24th	City	
25th	City	
26th	City	
27th	Church	
28th	Office	Working
29th	Office	Working
30th	Birmingham	
31st	Talladega-Clay Counties	Working on school and shop projects

## 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.)

December has been an exceedingly busy month for us. We have worked day and night in a great effort to get a number of our first Rosenwald schools repaired and painted. In a measure we had signal success, taking into consideration the great scarcity of money among the rural people. To our appeal we have never seen a greater effort on the part of the people to comply.

At Elba in Coffee County we had one school repaired, and put in first class condition. We first called on the local people to repair steps, toilets, put in window lights, polish stoves, repair fences, clean up lawns, put out shrubbery, and beautify the grounds generally. This appeal was met with great enthusiasm. The school in Coffee County is known as Shiloh.

The Bibb County Training School has been painted on the outside, and plans are under way to raise funds for the interior.

Talladega County. Great things have been wrought in Talladega County. Two school busses, one vocational shop has just been finished, one three teacher is under way, and a six teacher project will soon be finished. Mr. McBryde, the County Superintendent, has shown a wonderful spirit towards Negro education in the county. He told me on my last visit to the county that he has plans for one or more three teacher projects that he hopes to get over during this school year. The Supervisor, Mrs. Hill, is cooperating with us in every effort to get all of the school painted and repaired. We consider Talladega County as the banner county of the state for Negro education.

Clay County. We are working hard to get the vocational-shop project qualified. The application has been made, and we are hoping to see work started on this project in the next few days. The Training School is making great headway in the county. Recently a chorus from the school entertained the white teachers in the auditorium in the Ashland white High School. Plans have been worked out by the County Superintendent, Mr. Robinson, for the chorus to sing in the county court house and to fill other engagements at white high schools on a financial cooperative basis. This is a great step forward in Negro education for Clay County, when it is understood this is purely a white county. Only a few Negro children are in the county.

Bibb County Training School. We found this school in better condition on our recent visit than we have found it since we have been in the work. The enrollment had

reached the high mark of one hundred and fifty; there were thirteen students in the senior high school class, which is the largest that the school has ever had at one time. The building had been painted, grounds cleaned, classroom work up to par, and a most cordial spirit existed among the teachers. Notwithstanding they had not been paid, they were happy and determined to carry on. The student body presented a splendid appearance. The boarding department of the school numbered thirty-two.

The County Board of Education is giving this school excellent support.

Pickens County. The Pickens County Training School is having an excellent year. More than ninety students are enrolled in the high school department. The teachers were working hard to carry on the work in the face of one of the hardest financial crisis the school has ever experienced. Plans were worked out for painting the school, and doing some other general repairs on the campus. Transportation at this school is greatly needed.

Covington County. The Training School in this county is making a great headway this term. I have never seen a better spirit in any school. The enrollment exceeds any previous year, with a fine daily attendance. This school also needs at least two busses to transport distant students. We worked out plans for a consolidated three teacher school while in the county. This school is to be built in the Bradley Community. We shall try to get this school qualified in the next few months.

While our public schools have experienced one of the greatest financial panics in years, the enrollment throughout the state has been greatly increased.

It was at the annual teachers institutes during the beginning of the school year that we inaugurated plans for an increased enrollment. Our slogan was "Enroll every child between the ages of seven and seventy."

With the closing of 1931, we have much for which to be grateful. Negro education in Alabama is steadily advancing; a cordial spirit in evidence in every county in the state. Transportation is being carried on in a number of counties, and the rural school house program is receiving great encouragement.

The State Department of Education, through its representatives, is giving the program every encouragement. Messers J. S. Lambert and E. G. McGhee, are working hard to put over for the state a progressive program for Negro education.

**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
2 - K	Talladega	Vocational Bldg. at Co. Trg. School	4-Room State plan	\$4,133.00	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,133.00</b>	

**II. Approved Rosenwald Building Applications Filed**

County	School	Plan and Number Rooms	Estimated Cost

**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
Coffee	Shiloh	One	Fair
Coffee	Training School	Six	Good
Shelby	Calera	Three	Fair
Shelby	Training School	Five	Good
Pickens	Training School	Six	Very Good
Bibb	Training School	Five	Excellent
Covington	Training School	Four	Good
Clay	Training School	Four	Good

Date December 31st, 1931

(Signed) M. J. Griffin