

THE WEST VIRGINIA COLORED INSTITUTE

Taking a Leading Place Among Educational Institutions of the Country--President Prillerman, Assisted by Competent Faculty Making Good

Resumé of Work During Past Year--Competent Artisans and Teachers Being Turned Out.

The school year has been most successful in the history of the institution both in point of number of students and class of work done. There were registered 277 students this year as against 261 last year. The class of students coming to the institution shows a decided improvement in the public schools. A great majority of them are able to enter above the preparatory classes. Every available space around the institution was filled with students the past year, and President Prillerman and the Board are now devising plans by which to make more room for the coming year. Applications have been coming in since January and the prospects are there will be considerable increase in the attendance when the fall term opens September 17th. The citizens of this state have every reason to be proud of the work being accomplished at this institution in the way of building a better citizenship. The state authorities are to be complimented for the hearty support that they have given to this institution and the wisdom they have displayed in its management. It is generally conceded by the most experienced edu-

cators who have visited the school that the institution ranks among the very best in the United States. Since the school opened, May 2nd, 1892, there have gone from its walls more than 300 graduates. Of these, four of them have become prominent ministers, three doctors of medicine, one dentist, one pharmacist, one artist, one author, two prominent printers one being foreman of a daily paper in Homestead, Pa., four prominent teachers in the public schools of the state. The institution feels very proud of the fact that Mr. Basin Braxton of the class of 1910 has within the last two years completed a three year course in pharmacy at the Michigan University. Mr. C. A. Pierce and Mr. Daniel Ferguson, graduates of the institution, were accepted in the freshman class at the Ohio State University on their records from the West Virginia Colored Institute. They have both made good. Ferguson has made quite a record as an athlete, running away from everything at the University. W. H. Lowry entered the freshman class in the school of dentistry at the University of Iowa and has passed his years work. Many of the most efficient carpenters of the state are graduates of the West Virginia Colored Institute. Some of the brickmasons are earning \$5.00 a day. One of the Undergraduates will go out this year as a blacksmith and work at

his trade at \$2.25 per day. R. G. Thurston of the class of 1911 is a blacksmith in the Army War College at a salary of \$6.00 per month and board.

Gardening by Students

The enclosure of the visitors are the school gardens located on the east side of the campus. The green in its entirety is 75 ft. long by 100 ft. wide. It is subdivided in four parts, each part containing 10 school garden plots, each 6 ft. by 7 ft. in size--making a total of seven garden plots. A 4 ft. path runs east and west and a similar path runs north and south. At the center intersection of the two is a large flower bed containing daisies, asters and carnas and caladium flowers. Each garden plot is separated from every other plot on all sides by a two foot walk which enables the gardener to work his plot from four sides, thus obviating the necessity of getting on the land again once it has been spoiled. To give the students as much practical work as was found possible and to familiarize them with the growth and requirements of a variety of garden plants the following garden crops were planted:

West Virginia Heating and Plumbing Co., Charleston, awarded jointly to Miss Alberta Wilson and Mr. Thurmond Straughter, students in the Junior class. 3rd prize--An American League baseball given by Lowenstein & Sons, Charleston, awarded to Mr. Cassie Gore, a first year student in Agriculture.

Corn Show and Industrial Fair

The first Corn Show and local Industrial Fair was held in the library of the West Virginia Colored Institute, December 11th and 12th with very flattering success.

President Prillerman, Prof. A. W. Curtis, Agricultural Director and Assistant S. A. Murray, labored earnestly to make this event a very impressive affair. The farmers and residents of the vicinity cooperated with the Corn Show management most cordially. The exhibits of cooking, canning, preserving and the domestic arts and science placed for display by them were very creditable.

Much credit is due Mr. B. E. Ezell, the Kanawha County Agricultural expert for the spirited manner in which he loaned his services to the success of the Show, both in its arrangement and conduct.

The Show was staged in the library of the Institute and a much larger space could have been utilized with better effect.

The exhibits were tastefully arranged around the walls and along the center of the library.

The early part of the afternoon was devoted to an inspection of the exhibits by the student body teachers and residents.

At three p. m., all assembled in Hazelwood Hall, when the following program was given:

PROGRAM
 Prayer Rev. D. C. Deans
 Singing "West Va. Hill"
 Remarks Pres. Prillerman
 Singing Hon. M. P. Shawkey
 Address America
 Singing Mr. Ezell
 Award of Prizes School Song
 Singing School Song
 Judge of Corn, Mr. B. E. Ezell

School and the corn show.

Mr. Ezell awarded the following prizes:

BOY'S BEST TEN EARS OF CORN
 First prize, \$2 to Canal Jones from A. W. Curtis and \$2 from President Prillerman.

Second prize, \$1.50 to F. Hurt Marshall from Dr. R. L. Jones, \$1 from Pres. Prillerman.

Third prize, one half dozen linen handkerchiefs in leather case to A. E. Cunningham from Barrett and Shipley Company.

Fourth prize, "The Boy's Farm Life" to Lawrence Prillerman from Supt. Shawkey.

Fifth prize, silk socks and tie to Wm Spriggs, Jr. from Frankenberger and Co.

BEST ONE EAR OF CORN

First prize, "Farm and Garden Rule Book" to A. B. Cunningham from Spencer, Moore and Co.

Second prize, a pair of silk socks to Connally Jones from Schwabe and May Co.

MEN'S BEST TEN EARS OF CORN

First prize, one ham to Elijah Hurt from Bauer and Co.

Second prize, ten pounds of lard to Robert Howard from Bauer and Co.

Third prize, one pitchfork to W. Scott Brown from Callison and Pierson.

BEST PUMPKIN

One silk necktie to C. I. Woody from Henry Smith and Co.

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One silk necktie, to Elijah Hurt from Henry Smith.

BEST PECK OF APPLES

One four bladed pocket knife to Alonso Finney from Lowenstein and Co.

LADIES PRIZES

BEST COLLECTION OF PRESERVED AND CANNED GOODS

First prize, one pair felt house slippers to Mrs. Eunice Brown from Palmer Shoe Co.

Second prize, fifty cents to Mrs. Florence Murray from Dr. R. L. Burgess.

President Prillerman takes Active Part in Conference

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16--The Second Annual Conference of Colored Agricultural and Mechanical College Presidents and Mechanical Directors closed its session here yesterday.

Many noted visitors were present from Atlanta and various other parts of the country. Some of the most conspicuous were: Pres. Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Massachusetts; Mr. W. T. B. Williams of the Slater and Jeanes Fund; Mr. W. A. Hinton, International Y. M. C. A. Secretary; Pres. John Hope, of Atlanta Baptist College; Rev. H. H. Proctor, of Atlanta; Dean B. G. Brawley, of Atlanta Baptist College; Dean Adams of Atlanta University; Rev. Dr. Ruah of Atlanta; Prof. Samuel H. Archer of Atlanta Baptist College; Mr. Floyd H. Jenks Land Grant Specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Each and everyone seemed to have caught the spirit of the meeting. It was indeed a happy moment when so many men, representing what is called the Institutions of higher learning could meet with those who represented the distinctively industrial idea and feel as an unit in the great cause of education.

The meeting was in every way a grand success. The sessions were held in Stone Hall, Atlanta University. Pres. Byrd Prillerman of West Virginia called the meeting to order. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Ruah of Atlanta, the house was declared in order for business. Pres. Buchanan of Alabama, not being present, Prof. B. F. Hubert, of South Carolina State College, was appointed temporary secretary.

The welcome address was made by Prof. G. A. Towns, of Atlanta University, which was responded to by Prof. Jason, of Delaware.

The body then took up the program and reported by states on the subject, "How is My School Fulfilling its Mission?" The reports were made in the following order:

Alabama (Normal) Prof. P. C. Parks, (Tulledge) Prof. T. J. Larkin; Delaware

the same time very strong along academic lines and that they should be so enthusiastic in their work that will attract men to their respective fields.

Emphasis was also laid upon the fact that in order to teach a subject, the man must know that subject himself. Stress was also laid upon the fact that the people need knowledge, but they must be taught to want this knowledge by practical demonstration of its value.

Among the above speeches, reports made by the committee on resolution and organization.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year. President Byrd Prillerman of West Virginia was elected president and Prof. B. F. Hubert of S. C. was elected secretary.

After voting that the conference should be adjourned to attend a reception given by Pres. John Hope of Atlanta Baptist College in a social way. All went away under many obligations to the host for the splendid reception received.

Too much cannot be said of the interest and the enthusiasm that President Prillerman put into the conference; for had it not been for his efforts it is very doubtful whether or not the meeting would have been a success. Thanks are also due the white and colored friends of Atlanta who made it so pleasant for the members of the conference.

The members were cordially welcomed to attend the regular sessions of the National Conference of Agricultural College Presidents and Directors, being held at the same time in the Piedmont Hotel of Atlanta. When it is considered that this was allowed in the heart of the south we can for that reason alone feel grateful for the prospect that the future has in store for us as a race in the southland.

The meeting adjourned to meet again at a place to be designated later. All of the states are urged to send representatives and to do what they can to create enthusiasm for a greater and more efficient race along all industrial and agricultural lines.

The Military Department

The Cadets are well trained and receive attention is given to this department by the faculty. They get that discipline which is so useful to the man in every avenue of life.

The U. S. War department furnishes the guns and ammunition used by the Cadets and recently the students and their parents have purchased the uniform which is an unnecessary hardship. The State formerly supplied uniforms for the Cadets and they should do so again.

There is no good reason why this wealthy state should not furnish uniforms for these colored cadets as they do for the whites. In case of war they will be called upon to fight the same as their white brethren and in order to receive the necessary training to make them good soldiers, they should not be forced to bear extra expense.

This matter should be again brought to the attention of the Governor and the Legislature.

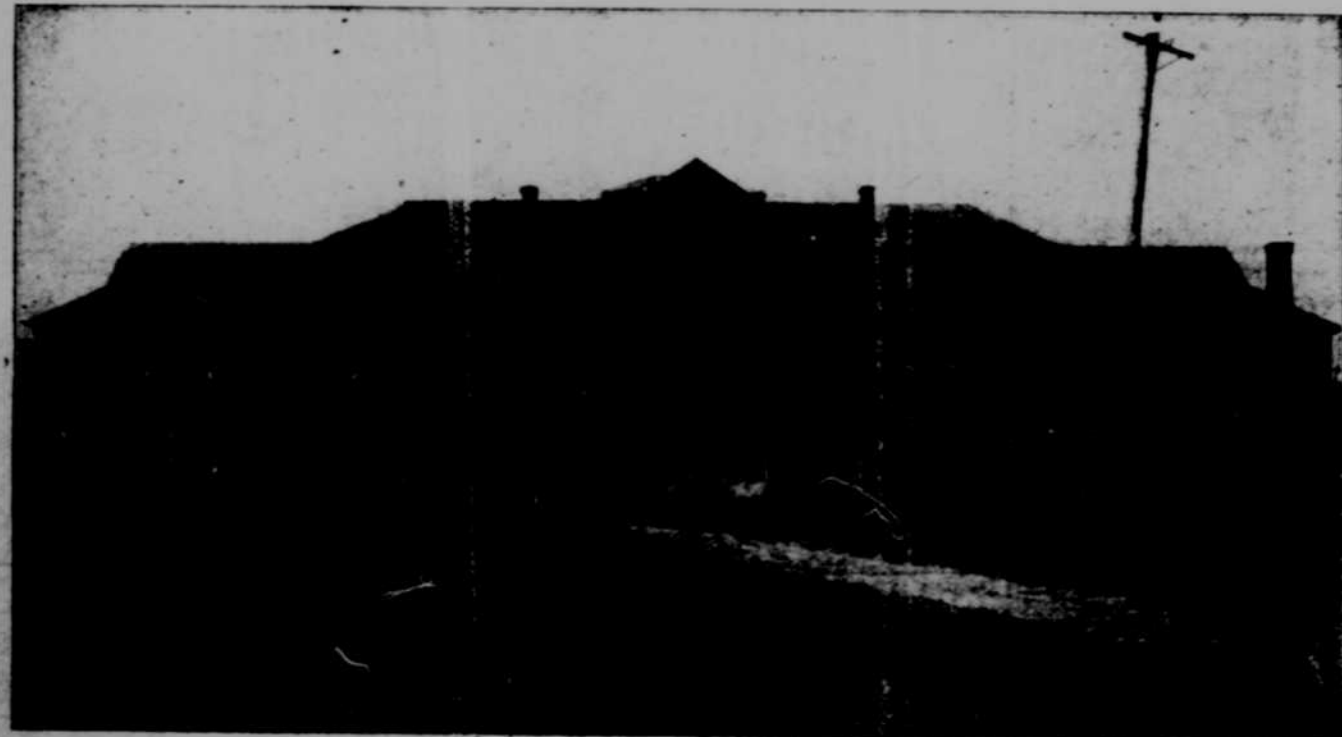
Healthful

This school in situated in the most beautiful section of the Kanawha Valley, about seven miles from Charleston. The climate is salubrious, the building, large and well ventilated, the sanitary conditions are perfect and there is very little sickness.

Conclusion

The work of this valuable institution more than justifies the money spent by the state to maintain it. In fact the appropriation should be increased to take care of the great demands.

No boy or girl should be turned away from school because of lack of space to accommodate him. The state and country is simply repaid by every graduate turned out. They are better citizens and serve their country well. They are an influence for good in whatever community they go. They are the bulwarks of the country, the safeguard of the State and the hope of the race.



THE A. E. WHITE TRADE BUILDING

English peas, beets, lettuce, potatoes, egg plants, cabbages, radish and cantaloupes. A floral border surrounds the entire garden.

The gardens were laid out by the students of the agricultural department under the direction of the agricultural instructors. The gardens were cared for by the students of the agricultural department and students of the sophomore and junior classes. Two students are assigned to one garden, a boy and a girl. Interest and enthusiasm has run very high and the demand for garden plots has been very great, especially so in case of students who were not taking any of the agricultural courses in connection with the academic and normal courses of study. The total enrollment of those doing school garden work is 100 students.

As an incentive to create interest in the work and to give the individual gardens the best care, the agricultural department offered prizes for the best appearing garden at the time of commencement exercises. Following out this procedure, Mr. Gist of the Department of Schools at Charleston, Mr. S. H. Guss and Mr. C. E. Jones of the Institute kindly consented to act as judges of the gardens and as a result of the judges' decisions the following prizes were awarded:

1st prize--\$4.00 in trade given by the Prindle Furniture Co., Charleston, awarded to Mr. T. E. Truck, a first year student in Agriculture.

2nd prize--\$2.00 in cash given by the

Judges of Woman Exhibits, Misses Amanda Gamble, C. Ruth Campbell, M. Mason Lowry and Mary E. Eubank.

Prof. Prillerman in the interim between the assembly and the arrival of train 31, on which Supt. Shawkey, called upon Messrs. Elijah Hurt, W. Scott Brown, Z. Taylor Brown and L. Woody farmers of the neighborhood for brief remarks. Each responded and was loudly applauded.

At this juncture, Supt. Shawkey entered the hall and was greeted with the stirring strains of Col. Edward's "Song of West Virginians."

After the song, President Prillerman introduced Supt. Shawkey. Mr. Shawkey immediately entered into the spirit of the occasion and spoke in a very happy strain.

He expressed pleasurable surprise at the magnitude of the show and hoped it would serve to incite a spirit for improvement in agricultural affairs. He emphasized the fact that work, in which well directed earnest endeavors are placed, no matter whatever such work may be, is never fruitless.

He advised the farmers that success in farming is due, in a great measure, to doing more and better every year than is done the previous year.

Mr. Shawkey produced much laughter by his humorous reference to his early life on the farm.

He was followed by Mr. R. R. Ezell, who spoke in a very flattering way of the

BEST COLLECTION OF CANNED VEGETABLES

First prize, \$1.50 in trade to Mrs. Marie Murray from R. A. Marshall.

BEST BREAD

First prize, 3 lbs. Coffee to Mrs. Florence Canty from Lewis, Hubbard & Co.

Second prize, fifty cents to Mrs. Dora C. Curtis from N. A. Murray.

BEST JELLY

First prize, 3 pounds of tea to Mrs. Anna Howard from Lewis, Hubbard & Co.

Second prize fifty cents to Mrs. Dora B. Curtis from J. W. Paxton and R. W. Meadows.

BEST NEEDLEWORK

First Prize pair of scissors to Miss Maria Eubank from Callison and Pierson.

Second prize combination toilet set to Mrs. Dora B. Curtis from Potterfield and Co.

Mr. Curtis has already begun his plans for the holding of a Corn Show and Industrial Exhibition next year, of far better quality and grander proportions than this one. The farmers who participated promise to aid this one by striving for better results in the products submitted.

It is hoped that the interest in the coming Show will be of a much wider scope than was witnessed this year.

Prof. W. C. Jason; Florida; Prof. F. A. C. Ohio; Mississippi, Prof. J. A. Martin; South Carolina, Prof. B. F. Hubert; Tennessee, Pres. W. J. Hale; Virginia, Prof. O. K. Graham.

Telegrams were read from many of the states not having representatives present.

At this point Prof. W. T. B. Williams agent for the Slater and Jeanes Fund, being present, was introduced to the body. In a few well chosen words he impressed upon the body some idea of the magnitude of the responsibility as well as the opportunities of the State Colored College.

Prof. C. K. Graham of Hampton Institute, then came before the body and by his enthusiastic talk moved all to see the necessity of more practical men in the field of agriculture. He also showed that men in the industrial line of work must be as strong or stronger than those in the other departments of the school.

On Thursday afternoon the body was thrilled by speeches delivered by three distinguished men: Mr. H. E. Stockbridge of Atlanta; Mr. Floyd B. Jenkins Land Grant College Specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and President Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Mass. Agricultural College at Amherst, Mass. Each speaker emphasized the importance of Agriculture and of agricultural training.

They all declared that the men teaching agriculture must be practical but at



DAWSON HALL FOR DOMESTIC ARTS AND SCIENCES

Among Best Teachers in State

The teachers turned out by this institution are among the best teachers in the state.

They are competent in every respect and are making good in their chosen work.

Aside from teaching the children according to the program adopted by the Boards of Education, they are instilling in the boys and girls race patriotism and love of race. These teachers tell the pupils of the great achievements of the race, its struggles and aims and inspire them with ambition to better their condition and accomplish great good.

There are a large number of graduates from this institution teaching the Negro youths of the race and they are a credit to the race and do honor to their Alma Mater.

Making Good in the Professions

Quite a number of the graduates have entered schools for the higher education and have taken up the professions and several have graduated from those schools and are making good along the line.

These young men demonstrate the thorough training received by them at the West Virginia Colored Institute.

In whatever walk of life the graduates of this school have entered, in most cases they are successful and serving well their country and race.

OPERATORS WILL NOT RECOGNIZE MINER'S UNION

Washington, June 19.--Fifty coal operators, representing virtually all of the mines in the New River, Pocahontas and Virginia coal fields in West Virginia, met here today and agreed to refuse recognition to the United Mine Workers of America in dealing with their employes. It was announced after the meeting that the decision was unanimous and final, and that demands from miners for recognition of the union would not be considered further.

Notice was given the operators several days ago that a general strike would be called for July 1 unless the union was recognized. Several thousand would be involved in each of the fields.

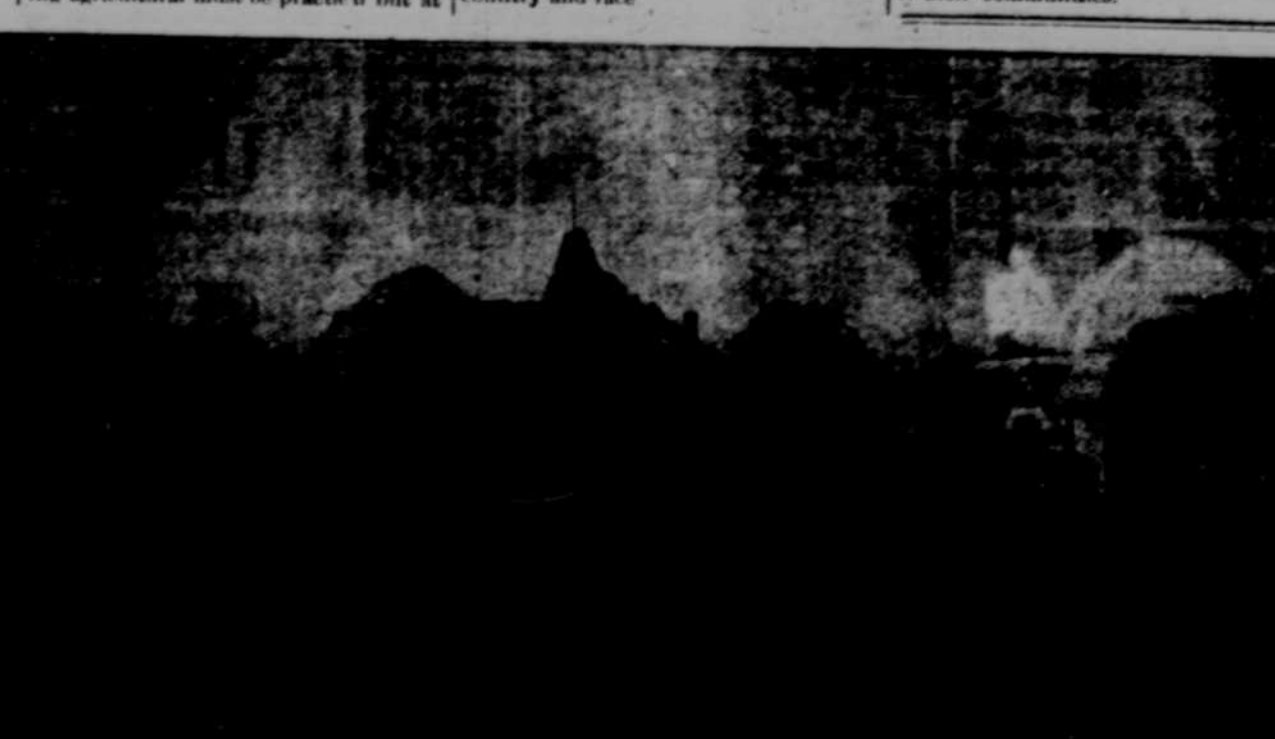
Guard Against Tuberculosis

Columbia, Tenn., June 17--Plans for popular instruction in the rules which must be followed to decrease the amount of tuberculosis among negroes were discussed here today at the annual convention of the Tennessee Colored Physicians' Association.

The physicians were urged to be a power for sanitation in the negro quarters of their communities.



FARM



FLEMING HALL AND GYMNASIUM