

SPALDING COUNTY SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

December 22, 1943

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Dr. E. R. Embree, President
The Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Embree:

Several years ago I had the pleasure of working with Miss Lockman in one of the Rosenwald experimental projects in Fairplay community in Morgan County. We dealt mainly with Mr. and Mrs. Simon but I did have the opportunity of seeing you at meetings of the Rural Council. After leaving Georgia I worked in Cottageville community in South Carolina. I returned to Georgia in September, 1942, to be principal of the Spalding High School. On July 1, 1943, I assumed the responsibility of County School Superintendent in Spalding County.

It has been necessary to start from scratch in improving the Negro school situation here. This year we extended the term of the rural schools from the minimum seven months period to an eight months term. We have employed a very effective colored supervising teacher who is laying the ground work for a constructive program within the schools. As a result of a recent bond issue we have \$20,000.00 available for a post war building fund for our Negro schools. A survey is being initiated now to determine the number and size and location of the building to be erected.

From the supervisor I learned that your fund has cooperated in making it possible for Negro teachers in several counties in the state to work together at Fort Valley State College during the summer, at which time they plan their work for the following school term. I want the Negro teachers in Spalding County to have such an opportunity to study together at Fort Valley, preferably during the second session of the 1944 summer school. Will it be possible for your fund to aid us in this enterprise?

Since Griffin is directly on the route between Atlanta and Fort Valley I will appreciate talking with you or representatives from your fund about this and other matters at such time visits are made to the Fort Valley Institution.

Very cordially yours,

Ralph E. Gaskins

Ralph E. Gaskins, Supt.
Spalding County Schools

Copy: Dr. H. M. Bond, President
Fort Valley State College
Fort Valley, Georgia

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December 30, 1943

Dear Mr. Gaskins: Mr. Embree has asked me to answer your letter. I think we have never met but I recall clearly the things the Simons used to say about you and your good work. I have known Miss Lockman chiefly through her connection with the Farm Security Administration project in South Carolina.

It is true that the Fund has helped a number of counties with summer workshop programs, but these have been conducted from the college out to the county rather than dealing with the county directly. We have felt that any such support given should be related to our work in rural education which is now almost entirely limited to helping at a few college centers. I can see ways, however, in which Spalding County might be thought to come within Dr. Horace Mann Bond's program, and we might discuss these the next time I drive through Griffin. In the meantime, perhaps you might with your Jeanes teacher be getting acquainted with Doctor Bond and his staff.

I am not quite sure when I shall be coming through Griffin again. I usually do on my way down to Fort Valley. It might well be during the last two weeks of January. I shall try to let you know ahead of time. I shall look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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FRED G. WALE

Mr. Ralph E. Gaskins, Superintendent
Spalding County Schools
Griffin, Georgia



SPALDING COUNTY SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

January 1, 1944

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Mr. Fred G. Wale
Director of Rural Education
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wale:

Thank you for your letter of December 30.

I shall be glad to follow your suggestion and will make an effort to visit Dr. Bond and his staff with Mrs. Mayo at an early date. We need such a program for our teachers if we are to make any progress in our effort to improve the quality of teaching in our schools.

I shall be happy to see you at any time. My office is in the County Court House just one block from the highway. I am looking forward to an opportunity to discuss this matter with you.

Very truly yours,

Ralph E. Gaskins

Ralph E. Gaskins, Supt.
Spalding County Schools

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SPALDING COUNTY SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

March 14, 1944

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Dr. Fred G. Wale, Director
Rural Education
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Wale:

We have made considerable progress in our plans for a summer workshop program with Dr. Horace Mann Bond at Fort Valley, Georgia. Dr. Bond has approved the program of the work shop and the staff. The work shop program will be conducted in Spalding County by the Fort Valley school and will be directed by a Mrs. Duncan who formerly worked with the Rosenwald Fund.

We are planning to finance the program by a contribution from the County Board of Education, a contribution from the Griffin Public Schools, by fees collected from the teachers and by a grant which we hope to secure from the Rosenwald Fund. I believe that the direct request for this grant should come from Dr. Bond but I shall be glad to make a formal application if necessary.

I suppose that you were unable to stop in Griffin on your January visit or it is possible I was not in the office when you called. I should be very happy to see you at any time you are passing through Griffin if it is convenient for you to stop. Please let me hear your re-action to our plans which I have briefly given above.

Very truly yours,

Ralph E. Gaskins
Ralph E. Gaskins, Supt.
Spalding County Schools

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March 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Gaskins: Thank you for
 your letter. I
am delighted to hear that your workshop
planning is going forward. I did not
stop by in January, for I was unable to
get down to Fort Valley. There is some
difficulty these days about automobiles,
and travel in other ways is quite hard.
However, the next time I am in that
area, I will certainly call you and
have a visit.

Sincerely,

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FRED G. WALE

Mr. Ralph E. Gaskins, Superintendent
Spalding County Schools
Griffin, Georgia

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Plans for the
Baldwin County Workshop
for the 2nd Term of the
Summer School Session
1944

I. The Objectives and some general plans.

Objective

A. To build the teachers' fund of general information and especially in the subject areas.

1. The plan is to give objective achievement tests at the beginning of the workshop and to use the results as the basis of the plan of subject study for the teachers.
 - (a) The subject study is to be actual studying of the elementary school subjects.

Objective

B. To develop skill in classroom teaching especially with the Georgia Program for the Improvement of Instruction in view.

1. A small demonstration school is planned to be used for about two hours each morning to show explicitly some of the points about the newer kind of classroom teaching which seem to baffle teachers.
2. The teachers will help in the planning of the day by day activities; they will prepare under guidance teaching aids needed for the teaching.
3. There will be opportunity after the teaching each day to discuss what was done in order that the teachers may be able to identify practices with principles and terms so often given and discussed in texts and bulletins.

Objective

C. To give special attention to giving knowledge and developing skill for effective teaching and for successful performance of necessary activities in connection with the production and conserving of food and also for effective health teaching.

1. The plan is to have explained demonstrations of many of the activities in this area such as gardening, canning, drying, etc.
 - a. The teachers are to actually do these things after having had demonstrations.

Objective

D. To afford opportunity for the participants to get a feeling for and to develop skill in using tools to make needed equipment for classroom improvement.

1. Each participant will be expected to make at least one article which will be especially useful to her in her real situation.

Objective

- E. To develop skill in using natural resources of Georgia to create beautiful and usable articles.
1. There will be special classes in pine needle, shuck, weaving, clay modeling and oak splint work.

Objective

- F. To give opportunity to and to encourage the participants to indulge in some self-expressive, creative activity for which they have a "Yen".
1. There will be materials, encouragement and help to bestir teachers to paint, model, make puppets, make block prints, create children's booklets, etc.

II. The Personnel

- A. Mrs. Mayo, Jeanes Supervisor of Baldwin County to serve as one of the consultants. To help especially with objectives A. and B. above.
- B. An Arts and Crafts person (to be decided on).
- C. The services of the Agricultural and Health agencies of the county are to be asked for.
- D. The services of consultants from both Fort Valley and Atlanta are to be used.
- E. Mrs. Duncan of Fort Valley is to serve as director and is to work especially on objectives A, B, and F.

III. Expenses

A. For travel (consultants and administrators).....	\$150.00
B. For supplies(some to be supplied by County and City).....	150.00
C. One Consultant (Arts and Crafts).....	175.00
D. One Consultant (Mrs. Mayo).....	175.00
E. Director (Mrs. Duncan)	200.00
Total	\$850.00
F. 12% Administrative charge (App.)	100.00
	<u>\$950.00</u>

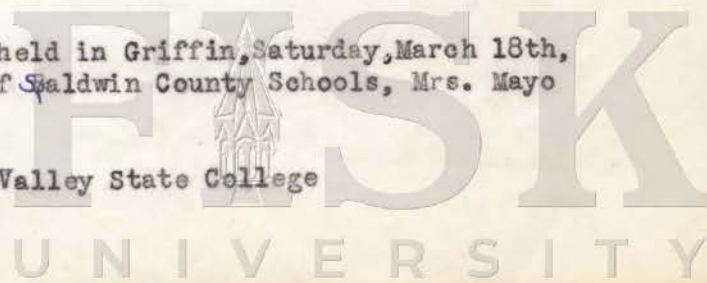
(Other items which would make the workshop more effective would be a consultant in Agriculture and shop to be with the workshop all day; a person to teach the demonstration school all day; a secretary to get out material quickly which develops unexpectedly day by day).

IV. Place of the workshop- The high school and the gymnasium will be available for this.

These plans submitted after a conference held in Griffin, Saturday, March 18th, 1944 between Mr. Gaskins, Superintendent of Baldwin County Schools, Mrs. Mayo and Mrs. Duncan.

Submitted to:

Dr. H.M. Bond, President, Fort Valley State College
March 21, 1944



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April 4, 1944

Dear Mr. Gaskins: I certainly enjoyed my visit with you and Mrs. Mayo last Monday evening. I drove on down to Fort Valley and spent some time with Doctor Bond. With Mrs. Duncan, we talked about the workshop, and it seemed to me that their ideas were in line with yours and Mrs. Mayo's. I urged Mrs. Duncan that she not be too ambitious but stick pretty closely to simple, realistic objectives.

On the financial end of the matter, Doctor Bond agreed that the \$150 for travel was a shot in the dark. He did not know how much of it would be taken up, so he suggested that it be left in. He explained the 12 per cent administrative charge on what seemed to me to be justifiable grounds. He put it this way. Fort Valley is set up to serve a large summer school in-service student body. The cost of administrative charges in the total budget is 12 per cent. This goes on whether the student is enrolled in campus or out in the county workshop.

I then proposed to him that the matter be handled this way: that the county pay to Fort Valley as much as it is able to collect in fees from the teachers attending; that the College pay the expenses for running the workshop; and at the end of the time bill the Rosenwald Fund for the difference. This seems to me the simplest way. I trust it is suitable to you and Mrs. Mayo.

I was distressed to learn that your departure is so imminent. It seems to me the future of Spalding County will depend upon a man like yourself to carry the work forward. I can only say I hope your absence will be very short and that you will return to the job soon. Perhaps I shall see you again before you leave. If not, the best of good luck to you, and write me when you land on your feet.

FGW:EN
cc: Dr. H. M. Bond
Mr. Ralph E. Gaskins, Superintendent
Spalding County Schools
Griffin, Georgia

Sincerely,
FRED G. WALE

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SPALDING COUNTY SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

April 24, 1944.

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Mr. Fred G. Wale,
Director for Rural Education,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Wale:

Thank you for your letter of April 4. I should have answered it earlier but I have been awaiting a conference with Dr. Bond. This conference has been held between Mrs. Mayo and Dr. Bond.

I wish to thank you personally for your assistance in making our workshop program possible. I believe that the educational program for Negroes will be considerably improved by the training that we can give our teachers through the summer.

My plans are still incomplete. I do not know just what my draft board is going to do with me. I do not plan to enter the Navy if I am given some reasonable assurance that I will be permitted to remain here and devote my time to the problems of education in Spalding County. It seems to me that we are on the threshold of some real improvement in the schools of the county and I should regret having to leave the scene at this particular time. I believe that I should be just as patriotic as a teacher as I would be as a sailor.

I am very glad to have had the opportunity of meeting you and having the visit with you. I hope that we shall have an opportunity to work together at some future time.

With best wishes to you in the coming months.

Very truly yours,

Ralph E. Gaskins
Ralph E. Gaskins, Supt.,
Spalding County Schools.

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May 1, 1944

Dear Doctor Bond: One more word about the Spalding
County workshop. I think our
understanding is that you will do your best to operate
this workshop from the income which will be derived
from tuition payments by the teachers of Spalding
County. If these workshops cannot pay for themselves,
it means that they can never be held except when funds
from private sources are available, unless, of course,
the county or state is willing to make a contribution.

Should it not be possible to carry
the full expense from the income available, we will
be willing to make up the difference. However, it
is my feeling that this should come from the unallocated
balance, which is the last item on the statement sent
to you attached to our letter dated April 28.

Sincerely,

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FRED G. WALE

Dr. Horace Mann Bond, President
Fort Valley State College
Fort Valley, Georgia

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SPALDING COUNTY SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

Box 351
August 7, 1944

Mr. Fred Wale
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wale:

We were very glad to have you visit us on our opening day. Your presence certainly contributed toward stimulating the group.

We have wrecked the school. You would see upon entering two classrooms provided with tables and chairs, reading corners, and many visual aids scattered here and there. The children are enjoying this situation and the teachers are enjoying the children as much, I think.

The Griffin and Spalding County Boards of Education are co-operating 100% in giving supplies and helping generally in remaking our school. The Griffin Board gave paint for our walls, school supplies for the children, and some office supplies for the staff. The Spalding County Board is taking care of all stenographic work and office supplies generally.

We have thirty-two participants, and they are showing interest in this Developmental/program that we are trying to enhance. We appreciate your interest in and support given to this project, and hope that on your next visit here you will see evidences of growth among our group.

I am very interested in this type of work and am just as interested in my personal growth as I am that of the teachers. I am trying too, to seize every opportunity to grow in the field of Rural Education. Any circulating literature or suggestions that you find convenient to send shall be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Sari Phillips Mayo

Sari Phillips Mayo, Supervising Teacher
Griffin and Spalding County Schools

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August 18, 1944

Dear Mrs. Mayo: Your letter to Mr. Wale has
arrived during his absence.

I know he will be very interested in the recent
progress of your developmental program. The let-
ter will be referred to him immediately upon his
return.

Sincerely yours,

RUTH M. ROSEGRANT

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Mrs. Sari Phillips Mayo
Supervising Teacher
Griffin and Spalding County Schools
Griffin, Georgia

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GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

June 18, 1945

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Mr. Fred Wales
Director, Rural Education
Julius Rosenwald Foundation
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wales:

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the copies of textbooks and phamplets which you allowed our elementary supervisor of negro schools to bring home with her when she left Washington after working with you foundation during the spring. These books will be placed in our negro schools and should add quite a bit to their stock of library books.

Yours truly,

J. P. King

J. P. King, Supt.
Spalding County Schools

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