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Rural Education

January 20, 1936

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Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBRETT

Mr. J. A. Keller
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

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November 15, 1935

Rural Education Article

Dr. Edwin R. Embree, President
The Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Illinois

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My dear Dr. Embree:

I have just read with considerable interest your article on "Rural Education" in School and Society for November 2. For the most part I am in agreement with you as to what should be taught in rural elementary schools. Although I would prefer to see in all rural schools a wider range of opportunities than you describe, I know full well that until more radical changes in school organization and in financial support occur than have yet, a vast practical improvement in instruction in the most neglected rural areas would result from doing what you say.

I am much interested in the Council on Rural Education set up by the Julius Rosenwald Fund, and in the work it proposes to do. You know I am devoting my full time in the National Education Association to the Department of Rural Education and to research in this field. If you find occasion to use my cooperation and that of the National Education Association, I should be pleased to have you call on me. You know, as well as anybody else, that I am more fundamentally interested in problems of public education affecting the more or less underprivileged classes of population than in any other phase of education.

Sent 11/18/35
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I would be pleased to receive the bulletins to which you refer in the footnotes of your article (pages 591-92.)

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Howard A. Dawson

William G. Carr
Director

Howard A. Dawson
Assistant Director, Research Division
and Specialist in Rural Education

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Rural Education article
November 15, 1935

Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Embree:

I was very pleased to read in School and Society recently of your plans for a Council on Rural Education. I note that reports of the Rural School Exploration, including reports of your work and surveys in various regions, are available. I should appreciate it very much if the National Education Association might be placed on your mailing list to receive this material.

While I am writing, I should like particularly to say a word of appreciation in regard to your second basic principle "that we are working with regular public schools and in direct cooperation with public school authorities." At a time when too many people are engaged in setting up little parallel school systems of their own, this announcement of policy from the Council on Rural Education is particularly welcome.

I hope that you will find it convenient to send me the Bulletins and to keep us informed concerning other important developments in your work. You may count on us to be of any assistance we can in return.

Very truly yours,

Wm G Carr

William G. Carr
Director, Research Division

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
President, The Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Embree:

I have read with great interest your article in School and Society (November 2nd) on Rural Education, and also the 1935 Review of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. I find your viewpoints concerning rural education very challenging; and all the more so, since I am weighing the possibility and the advisability of devoting my Sabbatical year to a study of the reorganization of rural education among Negroes.

A footnote, in your article, states that certain material "may be had by others who have a serious interest in the subject." I am writing, therefore, to ask if you will kindly send me whatever bulletins, reports, surveys, etc., (concerning rural education) that you have for distribution. Such material will help me the more clearly to define the problem for myself, and thereby to discover the possibility of personal and practical research in the field.

Thanking you in advance for your courteous consideration of this request, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alethea H. Washington
Alethea H. Washington
Professor of Education

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except: Arkansas, Missouri, and Virginia - 12

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- Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mr. Lloyd W. King
State Department of Education
Jefferson City, Missouri

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State of Oklahoma
Department of Public Instruction

JOHN VAUGHAN, SUPERINTENDENT
JOE SCOTT, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT

Oklahoma City

January 23, 1936

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~~SIMON STUDY~~

Rural Education Article

Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President
The Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Embree:

Your letter of January 20th, addressed to Superintendent John Vaughan, was placed on my desk today together with the Rural Education Bulletin Re-Printed from School and Society by the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

I would like to have for distribution in this state about 1,000 copies of this bulletin if you can spare that many. We can furnish you with a list of all of the county superintendents and the superintendents and principals of all schools in the state employing four or more teachers, or we can furnish you with a list of the county superintendents and the *number of schools that each superintendent has under his or her supervision in the event you prefer to distribute them from your office.

If you prefer, we will be glad to send the bulletins to the county superintendents for distribution to their teachers and to write them a letter asking that they be addressed, stamped, and delivered to the teachers. We can send them in bulk to the county superintendents, or, if you want us to do so, we will be glad to enclose them in your envelopes together with a mimeographed letter from this Department to the teachers.

In compiling the bulletin to be used in connection with our Improvement and Beautification Day, March 6th this year, I took the liberty to quote extensively from your Two-Year Report. Inasmuch as I quoted a great deal of the material that you have included in the Rural Bulletin, I feel very much flattered that you, too, are of the opinion that the material included in the bulletin is highly appropriate and well worthwhile and will be appreciated by not only the teachers in the rural schools, but by those in the larger schools as well.

We are having 6,000 of these bulletins printed and will place them in the hands of the principal teachers in all of the public schools of the state not later than February 1st.

Sincerely,

E. A. Duke
E. A. Duke
State Agent



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CC: Mr. S. I. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

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Rural Education Act
January 24, 1936.

Dr. Edwin R. Embree, President,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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My dear Dr. Embree:

I thank you very much for your fine letter of January 20, 1936, and also for the reprint of your article in *School and Society* which I had missed. I shall appreciate it very much if your office will send me thirty copies of this reprint enclosed in envelopes for mailing. I shall send them to our twenty-three county superintendents and the presidents of our State Teachers Colleges, and distribute the remainder to the members of my Department. I consider the material in the reprint quite stimulating, and I am sure our superintendents will feel the same way about it.

When I became State Superintendent in 1920, I spent three or four days visiting schools in every county in the State early in the fall, to study conditions at first hand. I soon found out that while there were local variations, of course, the large majority of the poorer counties in the State had about the same education facilities. We came definitely to the conclusion within a reasonable length of time in our Department that the quickest way to improve the rural schools of Maryland was to arrange for our teacher training institutions to train more teachers and train them better, and then, of course, more important than all, to see that there was enough money in each of these poorer counties to employ these trained teachers in rural schools. Within ten years this objective had been accomplished in both the white and the colored schools. Approximately 98 per cent of the teachers in both white and colored elementary schools have at least two years of training beyond high school graduation. Many of our teachers now have three years of training beyond high school, and our teachers colleges that are training for the white schools are graduating only four-year people for all the elementary schools, including the rural schools. Of course, we have also long since reached practically 100 per cent in the number of high school teachers having four years of college training in academic subjects, and we have almost reached that goal in the special fields—home economics, industrial arts, etc.

My whole point, therefore, is that until the states of the South make sufficient funds available to employ better trained teachers, then better trained teachers will not be employed nor will they be interested in being trained. At least, that was the experience in Maryland.

Sincerely yours,

Albert S. Cook
State Superintendent.

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