

The School Improvement and Beautification contest of 1936-37 takes into account improvements made from July 1, 1936, to June 1, 1937. Fifteen counties entered before Christmas. We think that number will increase to twenty before entries close on January 20. The white schools are in one contest while the colored schools are in another. So there are separate reports and separate prizes in the two parallel contests.

The attached form is a first draft, subject to change by the state committee. It is designed, when completed, for use as an outline of desirable improvements to guide the counties and schools in improvements and as report form for the county's report to the state committee when the contest closes on June 1. With slight changes this form may be used for reports from the schools of the county to the county contest committee, from which reports the summary report of the county may be made to the state committee in June.

The unit used in the report (column heads) is a school room situation, a one-teacher school being one unit, a two-teacher school two units, and so on. The number of units in a county system is the number of teachers employed. If a county employs 80 white teachers and 12 colored, its report of white schools will recognize 80 units and its report of colored schools will recognize 12 units.

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Keep in mind that the state contest committee will award state prizes mainly on the basis of points rather than costs, but will want the cost estimates in connection with the other data. Total cost includes materials and labor used, whether paid for or donated.

Observe, too, that NYA student aid workers and NYA project workers can be used to good effect in connection with this contest.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CONTEST
(Report to be made June 1, 1937)

A. School Grounds (o - 115)

1. Cleaning the grounds
2. Walks from door to road
3. Walks from door to well
4. Walks from door to outbuildings
5. Making or repairing fences
6. Purchasing new areas

B. Landscaping (o - 175)

1. Laying out play courts
2. Laying out parking areas
3. Making garden areas (flower or vegetable)
4. Planting shrubs around buildings
5. Planting trees and shrubs around the grounds
6. Grading the school ground
7. Building retaining wall
8. Providing grass plots
9. Other landscaping services

C. Building Exterior (o - 175)

1. Constructing new school buildings
2. Laying new roofs
3. Making new porches
4. Repairing roof, porch or steps
5. Providing gutters and down spouts
6. Underpinning the buildings
7. Replacing damaged weatherboarding
8. Replacing or repairing doors
9. Painting school buildings
10. Painting outbuildings
11. Other outside improvements

D. Building Interior (o - 125)

1. Plastering or ceiling school rooms
2. Repairing plaster or ceiling
3. Making or repairing flues
4. Replacing defective flooring
5. Installing or restoring blackboards
6. Installing built-in book shelves
7. Painting inside woodwork, using approved color scheme
8. Providing deflectors at windows
9. Other interior improvements

Units needing the service	Units getting the service	Maximum Points	Points Claimed	Estimated Total Cost
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	Units needing the service	Units getting the service	Maximum Points	Points Claimed	Estimated Total Cost
E. Furnishings (o-75)					
1. Rooms equipped with new desks			20		
2. Rooms with desks repaired			10		
3. Seats arranged for left-side lighting			15		
4. Desks placed to encourage erect posture			10		
5. Other improvements in furnishings			20		
F. Heating (o-75)					
1. Installing steam, hot water or hot air			20		
2. Installing stoves			15		
3. Repairing stoves (replacing parts)			10		
4. Providing stove boards (metal or concrete)			10		
5. Building fuel houses or coal bins			20		
G. Lighting (o-90)					
1. Re-locating windows for left-side light			20		
2. Replacing or repairing windows			15		
3. Providing shades fixed at the middle			20		
4. Adequate light on every desk			20		
5. Installing electric lighting			15		
H. Sanitation (o-95)					
1. Installing water closets or sanitary toilets			20		
2. Making toilet pits fly tight with seat lids			20		
3. Providing concrete toilet floors			15		
4. Providing sanitary drainage			20		
5. Other sanitary services			20		
I. Water Supply (o-75)					
1. Providing ample water supply <i>on the premises</i>			25		
2. Installing well curb and cover			25		
3. Analysis of water by health authorities			25		

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Department of Education
FRANKFORT

NRS (Relief-
contest)

January 4, 1936

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
FILE REFERENCE Rosenwald Fund

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

We now have seventeen counties definitely enrolled in the School Improvement Contest and believe that a few more, probably Christian, Jefferson and Bourbon will be entering before the list closes on January 20.

I am enclosing the first draft of score card form called for at our contest organization meeting on December 17. The unit for ratings is the one-teacher school situation, so there are as many units as teachers employed. According to last reports made to this Department, the aggregate number of rural teachers employed in the seventeen counties now definitely in the contest was 2500. If the additional counties that we are expecting enter, the number of units will exceed three thousand. This means that we will need for them three thousand copies of the two bulletins, "Suggestions for Improvement and Beautification of School Plants" and "Suggestions for Landscaping Rural Schools."

We have on hands above 1500 copies of the bulletin, "Suggestions for Improvement and Beautification of School Plants." We have exceedingly few of the landscaping bulletin. I think it very desirable to have a copy for every teacher whose school is participating in this contest, and will appreciate your sending me these additional supplies, if you can do so.

Yours truly,

L. N. Taylor

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Department of Education

FRANKFORT

June 8, 1936

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

FILE REFERENCE: Rosenwald Fund

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is our first report on the school plant (Beautification, Improvement) Contest for 1935-36. Winner No. 1 (1) in each case is on basis of "making the greatest progress in improvement of buildings, grounds and equipment during the current school year," and No. 2 (2) is on basis of being "the most beautiful, best arranged and most suitably equipped school plant regardless of time."

Colored County Winners

County	Supt. and Address	School	Principal	Address
Bourbon	J. M. McVey Paris	(1) Brentsville	Mary L. Davis,	R.6 Paris
		(2) Amentsville	Anna M. Hutchinson,	R.5 Paris
Christian	N. T. Hooks Hopkinsville	(1) Gracey	E. M. Bacoyn,	Gracey
		(2) Massie	Mary E. Buckner,	112 Vine Street Hopkinsville
Harlan	Jas. A. Cawood Harlan	(1) Louellen	Henry Haynes,	Louellen
		(2) High Splint	Edith George,	Highsplint
Jefferson	O. J. Stivers	(1) Dorsey	Mrs. Courtney Harkins,	3311 Grand Ave. Louisville
		(2) Newburg	A. L. Garvin,	c/o Supt. Stivers
Logan	R. N. Beauchamp Russellville	(1) Adairville	Frank Orndorff,	Adairville
		(2) "	"	"
✓ Muhlenberg	H. F. Bates, Jr. Greenville	(1) Drakesboro	Wm. Holloway,	Drakesboro
		(2) Powderly	Helen Hall Martin,	Powderly
Nelson	Charles W. Hart Bardstown	(1) Bardstown	W. L. Bowman,	Bardstown
		(2) "	"	"
✓ Scott	F. W. Hood Georgetown	(1) Watkinville	Katie C. Washington,	R.1, Stamping Ground
		✓ (2) New Zion	Margaret L. White,	205 W. Jefferson St. Georgetown
Woodford	J. B. Heird Versailles	(1) Pinckard	Ida Belle Black,	Versailles
		(2) "	"	"

White County Winners

Hardin	G.C. Burkhead Elizabethtown	(1) Vine Grove	Jas. T. Alton,	Vine Grove
		(2) Glendale	J. M. Hays,	Glendale

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White County Winners (Continued)

<u>County</u>	<u>Supt. and Address</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Address</u>
Lewis	Miss Anna Bertram Vanceburg	(1) Canaan (2) Garrison	Arthur W. Corns, Mitchell Denham,	Burtonville Garrison
Lincoln	Miss Mayme Singleton Stanford	(1) McKinney (2) Waynesburg	C. G. Wheeldon, G. B. Williams,	McKinney Waynesburg

State Winners:

- White (1) McKinney School in Lincoln County - *Miss Mayme Singleton, Stanford*
 (2) Glendale School in Hardin County *C. C. Burkhead, Elizabethtown, ~~Ill.~~*
- Colored (1) Drakesboro School in Muhlenberg County
 (2) New Zion School in Scott County

In making the state awards in the four categories, white (1), white (2), colored (1) and colored (2) respectively, only the county winners in the designated category were considered, and the award made as among them.

Copies of the state winners' reports are inclosed. Pictures of these schools are inclosed, or will follow.

The state contest committee is composed of

J. W. Brooker, Buildings and Grounds
 Mrs. A. G. Barrett, P.-T.A. Organizer
 L. N. Taylor, State Agent for Negro Schools

Yours truly,

L. N. Taylor

LNT/ac P.S.-

Pictures are inclosed as follows:

- (1) McKinney (H.S. & Ele. Sch.), small kodak views
 (2) Glendale (Ele. Sch.) The H.S. & Gym are on the same ground, but not new. The building shown has been added this year.
 (3) New Zion.
 (4) No picture of Drakesboro is shown. I shall have one made and sent to you.

L. N. Taylor
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June 9, 1936

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

FILE REFERENCE: Rosenwald Fund

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am giving list of county winners with report of expenditures on buildings, grounds, equipment and total, and the distribution of revenue resources from district, federal and community sources. In nearly all instances the figures are exactly as reported, but in some instances reports are wanting, and estimates are used.

I have received what are supposed to be complete reports of expenditures from all county winners except from two colored schools, Highsplint in Harlan, and Newburg in Jefferson. The Harlan authorities seem not to understand the report desired, and the Newburg report is just delayed. The figures in the Newburg case are estimates thruout.

I do not know just how many schools have qualified in the contest in some of the counties, and I did not ask for reports from schools other than the ones that are indicated to us by the local authorities as winners in their respective counties.

In the case of schools reported, I have sought to get the reports on the basis of outlay in the contest itself, and have preferred not to include any expenditures that were otherwise incurred and not involved in the contest itself, yet you will see that in the case of some of the schools, particularly white schools, they have counted in federal funds which may or may not be legitimately involved in the contest. I prefer that the figures be on the conservative rather than extravagant side of facts.

In the case of Waynesburg, the improvements reported are not complete. In most instances the improvements reported are already quite complete, and in all cases will be before the opening of the next session of schools.

I am giving the number of schools participating, county by county, tho in some instances the number stated is an estimate. The expenditures on other than non-county winners are only an estimate except in a few cases.

Yours truly,

LNT/ac

L. N. Taylor
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REPORT ON KENTUCKY SCHOOL PLANT CONTEST - JUNE 1936

County Winners - Colored		Costs				Revenues			Schools* Competing
		Bldg.	Grounds	Equip	Total	Dist.	Federal	Com'ty.	
Bourbon	(1) Brentsville	35.00	11.00	23.25	69.25	59.25	0	10.00	6
	(2) Amentsville	66.50	8.50	18.45	93.45	88.45	0	5.00	
Christian	(1) Gracie	750.00	15.00	7.50	772.50	750.00	0	22.50	40
	(2) Massey	21.00	5.00	37.65	63.65	8.90	0	54.75	
Harlan	(1) Louellen	100.00	200.00	150.00	450.00	0	0	450.00	8
	(2) Highsplint*	100.00	100.00	50.00	250.00	0	0	250.00	
Jefferson	(1) Dorsey	64.50	6.50	48.00	119.00	64.50	0	54.50	6
	(2) Newburg*	50.00	0	50.00	100.00	50.00	0	50.00	
Logan	(1) Adairville	1300.00	12.00	155.00	1467.00	967.00	0	500.00	6
	(2) "								
Muhlenberg	(1) Drakesboro	2380.00	0	210.50	2590.50	2400.00	0	190.50	2
	(2) Powderly	70.00	3.00	1.00	74.00	35.00	0	39.00	
Nelson	(1) Bardstown	.75	92.45	62.50	155.70	31.25	0	124.45	3
	(2) "								
Scott	(1) Watkinville	18.00	15.00	6.00	39.00	5.00	0	34.00	5
	(2) New Zion	1500.00	120.00	20.00	1640.00	1500.00	0	140.00	
Woodford	(1) Pinckard	40.00	40.00	0	80.00	0	0	80.00	3
	(2) "								
Total 15 Co. Winners		6495.75	628.45	839.85	7964.05	5959.35	0	2004.70	79
Est. " 64 Non-winners		15000.00	1500.00	2000.00	18500.00	13000.00	0	5500.00	
Total Colored		21495.75	2128.45	2839.85	26464.05	18959.35	0	7504.70	
<u>White</u>									
Hardin	(1) Vine Grove	1172.00	50.00	100.00	1322.00	445.00	250.	627.00	3
	(2) Glendale	23562.00	300.00	775.00	24637.00	22962.00	300	1375.00	
Lewis	(1) Canaan	200.00	100.00	30.00	330.00	160.00	160	10.00	7
	(2) Garrison	175.00	150.00	75.00	400.00	150.00	200	50.00	
Lincoln	(1) McKinney	4306.15	78.00	250.00	4634.15	2965.15	1479	190.00	3
	(2) Waynesburg	21500.00	175.00	752.00	22427.00	4000.00	17355	1072.00	
Total 6 Co. Winners		50915.15	853.00	1982.00	53750.15	30682.15	19744.	3324.00	13
Est. " 7 Non-winners		25000.00	400.00	900.00	26300.00	15000.00	8300	3000.00	
Total White		75915.15	1253.00	2882.00	80050.15	45682.15	28044	6324.00	
Total Colored and White		97410.90	3381.45	5721.85	106514.20	64641.50	28044	13828.70	92

*Estimates

Kentucky School Plant Improvement Contest—1936-37

Purpose. It is the purpose of this contest to stimulate proper upkeep, improvement and beautification of rural school properties—grounds, buildings, equipment and furnishings. It has regard for both utility and attractiveness. This contest is limited to rural schools, hence to county school districts. The contest for 1936-37 takes into account improvements made from July 1, 1936, to June 1, 1937. The white schools are in one contest and the colored schools in another. There will be separate reports and separate prizes in the two parallel contests.

State Prizes. The State prizes are (1) a first prize and a second prize for white schools, and (2) a first prize and a second prize for colored schools. The first prize in each case is a thirty-six dollar elementary school library, list price of the books much more. The second prize in each case is a fifteen dollar elementary school library, list price of the books much more. The first prize in each case will go to the competitor county making the greatest improvement in its school properties (grounds, buildings, equipment and furnishings), both utility and attractiveness considered, in this school year. The second prize in each case will go to the competitor county making the second greatest improvement.

Donor. The Julius Rosenwald Fund is giving the State prizes and paying for printing the bulletins furnished by the State Committee.

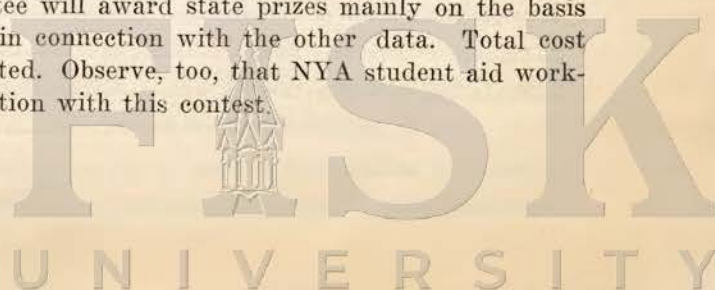
Local Prizes. Local prizes will be provided locally in most of the counties, either by the board of education or by other friends of education. Such organizations as Rotary, Kiwanis and P.T. A. will be readily interested in an **active** movement for improving the rural schools. It is suggested that there be a first and a second prize for white schools of the county and a first and a second county prize for colored schools.

Committees. Besides the State Contest Committee, there may be a county school improvement contest committee in each county, organized by the county superintendent. The county contest committee will determine the relative ratings of the schools within the county and award the local prizes, and it will make the county's report to the state contest committee. The state committee will determine the relative ratings of the counties and award the State prizes.

Bulletins. Improvement items in this list are taken mainly from the two bulletins "Suggestions for Improvement and Beautification of School Plants" and "Suggestions for Landscaping Rural Schools." Copies of these bulletins are furnished for all the schools in the contest. Improvements must be made in accordance with these bulletins to justify full credit.

The Unit. The unit used in this report is a school room situation, a one-teacher school being one unit, a two-teacher school two units, and so on. The number of units in a county system is the number of teachers employed. If a county employs 80 white teachers and 12 colored, its report of white schools will recognize 80 units and its report of colored schools will recognize 12 units. For example, in reporting item A 1, "cleaning the grounds," if 80 teachers were employed, there were 80 units. If the grounds where 50 teachers were employed were already clean on July 1, 1936, there would be 30 "units needing the service." If during this contest (July 1 to June 30) all these grounds were cleaned except at a four-teacher school and six one-teacher schools, there would be 20 "units getting the service," two-thirds of those needing it, entitling the county to two-thirds maximum credit on that item.

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Kentucky School Plant Improvements

Report for _____ County, 1936-37

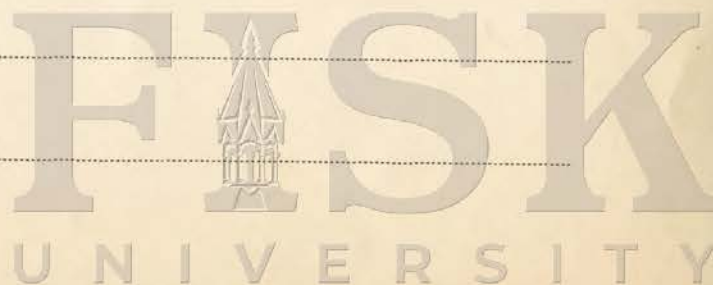
(This report is to be made and delivered to the State Contest Committee on or before June 15, 1937. It should include only such improvements as are made between July 1, 1936, and June 1, 1937.)

	Units needing the service	Units getting the service	Maximum Points	Points Claimed	Estimated Total Cos.
A. School Grounds (o-115)					
1. Cleaning the grounds	20.	\$.....
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5. Making or repairing fences	15.
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B. Landscaping (o-175)					
1. Laying out play courts	20.
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3. Making garden areas (flower or vegetable)	20.
4. Planting shrubs around buildings	20.
5. Planting trees and shrubs around the grounds	20.
6. Grading the school ground	20.
7. Building retaining wall	20.
8. Providing grass plots	20.
9. Other school ground improvements	20.
C. Building Exterior (o-175)					
1. Constructing new school buildings	20.
2. Laying new roofs	20.
3. Making new porches	20.
4. Repairing roof, porch or steps.....	10.
5. Providing gutters and down spouts	10.
6. Underpinning the buildings or making foundations	20.
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8. Replacing or repairing doors	10.
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7. Painting inside woodwork, using approved color scheme	20.

	Units needing the service	Units getting the service	Maximum Points	Points Claimed	Estimated Total Cost
8. Providing deflectors at windows	10.	\$.....
9. Other interior improvements	15.
E. Furnishings (o-75)					
1. Rooms equipped with new desks	20.
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3. Seats arranged for left-side lighting	15.
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H. Sanitation (o-95)					
1. Installing water closets or sanitary toilets	20.
2. Repairing toilets to meet State Board of Health rules	20.
3. Providing concrete toilet floors	15.
4. Providing sanitary drainage	20.
5. Other sanitary services	20.
I. Water Supply (o-75)					
1. Providing ample water supply on the premises	25.
2. Installing well curb and cover	25.
3. Analysis of water by health authorities	25.
Totals	1000	\$.....

Signed by:

Date: _____, 1937.



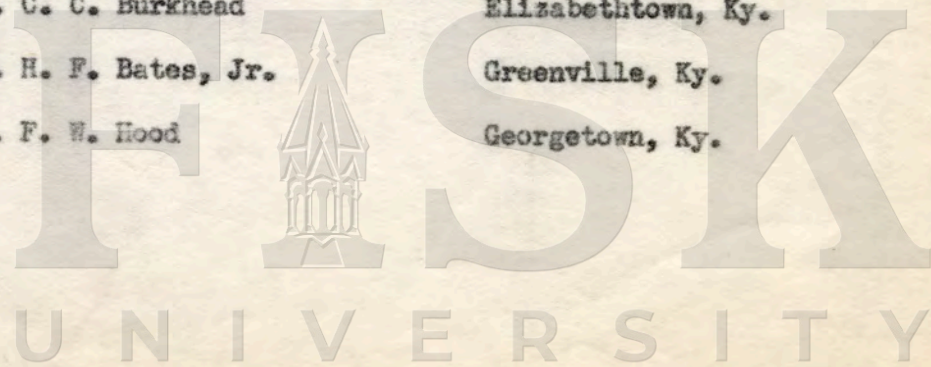
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NRS (Relat-
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SCHOOLS RECEIVING LIBRARIES AS BEAUTIFICATION PRIZES

1935-36

<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Name of Principal or Superintendent</u>	<u>Address</u>
Alabama	Montgomery County Training (Negro)	Supt. Clarence Dannelly	Montgomery, Alabama
"	Siluria Rosenwald (Negro)	Supt. J. L. Appleton	Siluria, Alabama
Arkansas	Lonoke Elementary (White)	Mr. J. B. Abraham, Principal	Lonoke, Arkansas
"	Pulaski Heights Grammar (White)	Miss Flora Cohen, Principal	Little Rock, Arkansas 800 Louisiana Street
"	Lincoln (Negro)	Mr. Herman Caldwell, Principal	Fayetteville, Ark.
"	McGehee High (Negro)	Mr. A. S. Hamans, Principal	McGehee, Arkansas
Florida	Union (Negro)	Supt. Don Mann	Ocalo, Florida
"	Kissimmee (Negro)	Supt. Sam Brammar	Kissimmee, Florida
Georgia	Fowlstown (Negro)	Miss Lillian E. Williams Home Demonstration Agent	Bainbridge, Georgia P. O. Box 15
"	Center Hill (Negro)	Miss Maggie L. Perry Jeanes Supervisor	Atlanta, Georgia c/o Court House
Kentucky	McKinney (White)	Miss Mayme Singleton, Supt.	Stanford, Kentucky
"	Glendale (White)	Supt. C. C. Burkhead	Elizabethtown, Ky.
"	Drakesboro (Negro)	Supt. H. F. Bates, Jr.	Greenville, Ky.
"	New Zion (Negro)	Supt. F. W. Hood	Georgetown, Ky.



<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Name of Principal or Supt.</u>	<u>Address</u>
Louisiana	Rayne (Negro)	Mr. R. U. Clark, Principal	Rayne, Louisiana
"	Jamerson Creek (Negro)	Mr. T. W. Barker, Principal	Franklinton, Louisiana
"	Ferriday (White)	Supt. J. S. Burris	Vidalia, Louisiana
"	Sweetwater (White)	Supt. C. C. Pittman	White, Louisiana
Maryland	Salisbury (Negro)	Supt. James M. Bennett	Salisbury, Louisiana
"	Royal Oak (Negro)	Supt. Willard Davis	Easton, Maryland
Mississippi	Inverness Consolidated (White)	Supt. R. M. Yarbrough	Indianola, Mississippi
"	Glendale (White)	Supt. T. J. Dalton	Corinth, Mississippi
"	Coahoma County Training (Negro)	Mr. J. B. Wright, Principal	Clarksdale, Mississippi
"	Sidon (Negro) *	Mr. J. D. Montgomery, Principal	Sidon, Mississippi
North Carolina	Oxford (White)	Supt. J. A. Capps	Newton, N. Carolina
"	Ansonville (White)	Supt. J. O. Bowman	Wadesboro, N. Carolina
"	Cleveland County Trg. (Negro)	Supt. B. L. Smith	Shelby, N. Carolina
"	Pender County Trg. (Negro)	Supt. T. T. Murphy	Burgaw, N. Carolina
Oklahoma	Johnson (White)	Mr. George Nemecek, Principal	Purcell, Oklahoma
"	Oakdale (White)	Miss Zula Cott, Principal	Okmulgee, Oklahoma
"	Lowrance (Negro)	Mr. E. A. Session, Principal	Sapulpa, Oklahoma
"	Lima (Negro)	Mr. W. A. Dobson, Principal	Lima, Oklahoma

<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Name of Principal or Superintendent</u>	<u>Address</u>
South Carolina	Great Falls (White)	Mrs. E. H. Hall, Supt.	Great Falls, S. Carolina
"	Lynchburg (White)	Supt. Roy E. Hudgins	Lynchburg, S. Carolina
"	Riverside (Negro)	Supt. A. J. Thackston	Orangeburg, S. Carolina
"	Mount Pleasant (Negro)	Supt. P. L. Geiger	St. Matthews, S. Carolina
Tennessee	Solway (Negro)	Supt. L. H. Brickey	Knoxville, Tennessee
"	St. Bethlehem (White)	Supt. N. L. Carney	Clarksville, Tennessee
"	* County Training (Negro)	Mr. George W. Brooks, Principal	Parsons, Tennessee
"	Shouns (White)	Miss Edna Grant, Principal	Shouns, Tennessee
Texas	White Oak (White)	Mr. W. O. Mathis, Principal Route 4	Longview, Texas
"	Sabine (White)	Miss Cora Mackey, Superintendent	Longview, Texas
"	*Shiloh (Negro)	Mr. D. M. Brown, Principal Box 543	Longview, Texas
"			
Virginia	King William High (White)	Supt. W. E. Garber	Falls, Virginia
"	Central (White)	Supt. Henry A. Wise	Parksley, Virginia
"	Russell Grove (Negro)	Supt. W. R. Wrigglesworth	Blackstone, Virginia
"	Disputanta Training (Negro)	Supt. R. W. Copeland	Hopewell, Virginia

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FILE REFERENCE:

July 12, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Final report having come in from Henderson County, I can now tell you what schools won first place in that county. The white school winning first place is Robards Consolidated school, of which Felix Trader is principal. The colored school winning first place is Henderson County Training school, of which Miss Willie Mae West is principal.

These are the Henderson County schools that qualify for the Hon Roll Certificates.

Yours truly,

L. N. Taylor

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July 19, 1937

Dear Mr. Taylor: Thank you for your report on the improvement and beautification contest, giving the counties winning first and second prizes.

We have ordered three libraries shipped as prizes. I note from your letter that you will deliver the supplementary elementary library which you have in your possession to Breathitt County.

If it is not too much trouble to you we should be very happy to have a copy of the Henderson County report for both white and colored in order that we may get a complete picture of one county for both groups. This could be returned to you if you do not have an extra copy.

You are to be congratulated on the achievements the past year under the greatest difficulties ever experienced in certain parts of your state.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. L. N. Taylor
State Department of Education
Frankfort, Kentucky

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Kentucky School Plant Improvement Contest—1936-37

Purpose. It is the purpose of this contest to stimulate proper upkeep, improvement and beautification of rural school properties—grounds, buildings, equipment and furnishings. It has regard for both utility and attractiveness. This contest is limited to rural schools, hence to county school districts. The contest for 1936-37 takes into account improvements made from July 1, 1936, to June 1, 1937. The white schools are in one contest and the colored schools in another. There will be separate reports and separate prizes in the two parallel contests.

State Prizes. The State prizes are (1) a first prize and a second prize for white schools, and (2) a first prize and a second prize for colored schools. The first prize in each case is a thirty-six dollar elementary school library, list price of the books much more. The second prize in each case is a fifteen dollar elementary school library, list price of the books much more. The first prize in each case will go to the competitor county making the greatest improvement in its school properties (grounds, buildings, equipment and furnishings), both utility and attractiveness considered, in this school year. The second prize in each case will go to the competitor county making the second greatest improvement.

Donor. The Julius Rosenwald Fund is giving the State prizes and paying for printing the bulletins furnished by the State Committee.

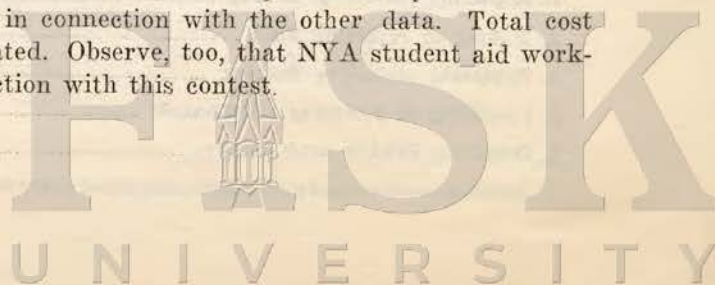
Local Prizes. Local prizes will be provided locally in most of the counties, either by the board of education or by other friends of education. Such organizations as Rotary, Kiwanis and P.-T. A. will be readily interested in an **active** movement for improving the rural schools. It is suggested that there be a first and a second prize for white schools of the county and a first and a second county prize for colored schools.

Committees. Besides the State Contest Committee, there may be a county school improvement contest committee in each county, organized by the county superintendent. The county contest committee will determine the relative ratings of the schools within the county and award the local prizes, and it will make the county's report to the state contest committee. The state committee will determine the relative ratings of the counties and award the State prizes.

Bulletins. Improvement items in this list are taken mainly from the two bulletins "Suggestions for Improvement and Beautification of School Plants" and "Suggestions for Landscaping Rural Schools." Copies of these bulletins are furnished for all the schools in the contest. Improvements must be made in accordance with these bulletins to justify full credit.

The Unit. The unit used in this report is a school room situation, a one-teacher school being one unit, a two-teacher school two units, and so on. The number of units in a county system is the number of teachers employed. If a county employs 80 white teachers and 12 colored, its report of white schools will recognize 80 units and its report of colored schools will recognize 12 units. For example, in reporting item A 1, "cleaning the grounds," if 80 teachers were employed, there were 80 units. If the grounds where 50 teachers were employed were already clean on July 1, 1936, there would be 30 "units needing the service." If during this contest (July 1 to June 30) all these grounds were cleaned except at a four-teacher school and six one-teacher schools, there would be 20 "units getting the service," two-thirds of those needing it, entitling the county to two-thirds maximum credit on that item.

Awards. Keep in mind that the state contest committee will award state prizes mainly on the basis of points rather than costs, but will want the cost estimates in connection with the other data. Total cost includes materials and labor used, whether paid for or donated. Observe, too, that NYA student aid workers and NYA workers may be used to good effect in connection with this contest.



Kentucky School Plant Improvements

Report for _____ County, 1936-37

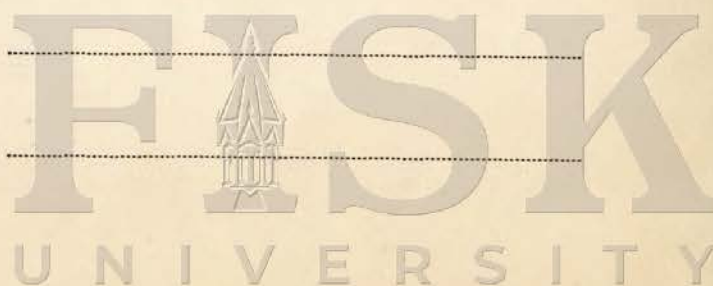
(This report is to be made and delivered to the State Contest Committee on or before June 15, 1937. It should include only such improvements as are made between July 1, 1936, and June 1, 1937.)

	Units needing the service	Units getting the service	Maximum Points	Points Claimed	Estimated Total Cost
A. School Grounds (o-115)					
1. Cleaning the grounds	20.	.....	\$ .....
2. Walks from door to road	20.	.....	.....
3. Walks from door to well	20.	.....	.....
4. Walks from door to outbuildings	20.	.....	.....
5. Making or repairing fences	15.	.....	.....
6. Purchasing new areas	20.	.....	.....
B. Landscaping (o-175)					
1. Laying out play courts	20.	.....	.....
2. Laying out parking areas	15.	.....	.....
3. Making garden areas (flower or vegetable)	20.	.....	.....
4. Planting shrubs around buildings	20.	.....	.....
5. Planting trees and shrubs around the grounds	20.	.....	.....
6. Grading the school ground	20.	.....	.....
7. Building retaining wall	20.	.....	.....
8. Providing grass plots	20.	.....	.....
9. Other school ground improvements	20.	.....	.....
C. Building Exterior (o-175)					
1. Constructing new school buildings	20.	.....	.....
2. Laying new roofs	20.	.....	.....
3. Making new porches	20.	.....	.....
4. Repairing roof, porch or steps	10.	.....	.....
5. Providing gutters and down spouts	10.	.....	.....
6. Underpinning the buildings or making foundations	20.	.....	.....
7. Replacing damaged weatherboarding	10.	.....	.....
8. Replacing or repairing doors	10.	.....	.....
9. Painting school buildings	20.	.....	.....
10. Painting outbuildings	15.	.....	.....
11. Other outside improvements	20.	.....	.....
D. Building Interior (o-125)					
1. Plastering or ceiling school rooms	20.	.....	.....
2. Repairing plaster or ceiling	10.	.....	.....
3. Making or repairing flues	20.	.....	.....
4. Replacing defective flooring	10.	.....	.....
5. Installing or restoring blackboards	10.	.....	.....
6. Installing built-in book shelves	10.	.....	.....
7. Painting inside woodwork, using approved color scheme	20.	.....	.....

	Units needing the service	Units getting the service	Maximum Points	Points Claimed	Estimated Total Cost
8. Providing deflectors at windows	10.	.....	\$.....
9. Other interior improvements	15.	.....	.....
E. Furnishings (o-75)					
1. Rooms equipped with new desks	20.	.....	.....
2. Rooms with desks repaired	10.	.....	.....
3. Seats arranged for left-side lighting	15.	.....	.....
4. Desks placed to encourage erect posture	10.	.....	.....
5. Other improvements in furnishings	20.	.....	.....
F. Heating (o-75)					
1. Installing steam, hot water or hot air	20.	.....	.....
2. Installing stoves	15.	.....	.....
3. Repairing stoves (replacing parts)	10.	.....	.....
4. Providing stove boards (metal or concrete)	10.	.....	.....
5. Building fuel houses or coal bins	20.	.....	.....
G. Lighting (o-90)					
1. Re-locating windows for left-side light	20.	.....	.....
2. Replacing or repairing windows.....	15.	.....	.....
3. Providing shades fixed at the middle	20.	.....	.....
4. Adequate light on every desk	20.	.....	.....
5. Installing electric lighting	15.	.....	.....
H. Sanitation (o-95)					
1. Installing water closets or sanitary toilets	20.	.....	.....
2. Repairing toilets to meet State Board of Health rules	20.	.....	.....
3. Providing concrete toilet floors	15.	.....	.....
4. Providing sanitary drainage	20.	.....	.....
5. Other sanitary services	20.	.....	.....
I. Water Supply (o-75)					
1. Providing ample water supply on the premises	25.	.....	.....
2. Installing well curb and cover	25.	.....	.....
3. Analysis of water by health authorities	25.	.....	.....
Totals	1000	.....	\$.....

Signed by:

Date:, 1937.



SCHOOL PLANT IMPROVEMENT

Report to County Superintendent of Improvements from

July 1, 1936, to June 30, 1937

County School

Principal Address

Number of Teachers

(In estimates of cost include all material and labor, whether paid for or donated. Report only improvements made July 1, 1936, to June 1, 1937.)

A. SCHOOL GROUND

	Answer	Est. Cost		Answer	Est. Cost
1. School ground cleaned?	\$.....	4. Walks to outbuildings? .....	.....	\$.....
2. Walk made door to road?	5. Fence built or repaired? .....	.....	.....
3. Walk made to well?	6. More school ground bought? ..	.....	.....

B. LANDSCAPING SCHOOL GROUND

1. Play courts laid out? .....	.....	\$.....	5. Trees planted around ground? .....	.....	\$.....
2. Parking areas laid out? .....	.....	.....	6. School ground graded? .....	.....	.....
3. Flower or veg. garden made?..	.....	.....	7. Retaining wall built? .....	.....	.....
4. Shrubs planted by buildings?..	.....	.....	8. Grass plots provided? .....	.....	.....
			9. Other ground improvements?..	.....	.....

C. BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS—OUTSIDE

How many class rooms were provided with:

1. New buildings? .....	.....	\$.....	6. New foundation or underpinning? .....	.....	\$.....
2. New roof? .....	.....	.....	7. Weatherboarding repaired? ..	.....	.....
3. New porches? .....	.....	.....	8. Doors renewed or repaired? ..	.....	.....
4. Roof, porch or steps repaired? .....	.....	.....	9. Building painted? .....	.....	.....
5. Gutters and down spouts? .....	.....	.....	10. Outbuildings painted? .....	.....	.....
			11. Other outside improvements? ..	.....	.....

D. BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS—INSIDE

How many class rooms were provided with:

1. New plaster or ceiling? .....	.....	\$.....	5. Blackboard new or restored?..	.....	\$.....
2. Plaster or ceiling repaired? ..	.....	.....	6. Book shelves built in? .....	.....	.....
3. Flue new or repaired? .....	.....	.....	7. Painting, approved color scheme? .....	.....	.....
4. Floor new or repaired? .....	.....	.....	8. Deflectors at windows? .....	.....	.....
			9. Other inside improvements?..	.....	.....

E. FURNISHINGS

For how many class rooms were:

1. New desks provided? .....	.....	\$.....	3. Seats rearranged for left side light? .....	.....	\$.....
2. Old desks repaired? .....	.....	.....	4. Rearranged for erect posture? ..	.....	.....
			5. Other furnishings provided? ..	.....	.....

F. HEATING

How many class rooms were provided with:

1-2. New heating equipment, (stoves, steam .....)? ..	.....	\$.....	4. Stove—boards metal or concrete? .....	.....	\$.....
3. Old equipment repaired? .....	.....	.....	5. Fuel bins? .....	.....	.....

G. LIGHTING

Answer Est. Cost

How many class rooms were provided with:

- 1-2. Windows, new or relocated
for left-side light? \$.....
3. Shades fixed at the middle? \$.....

4. Adequate light for every desk? \$.....
5. Electric Lights? \$.....

H. SANITATION

- 1-2. New water-closets or toilets,
or old ones repaired to meet
St. Bd. of Health rules? \$.....
3. Concrete toilet floors? \$.....

4. Sanitary drainage provided?.. \$.....
5. Other sanitary service? \$.....

I. WATER SUPPLY

1. Was new water supply pro-
vided on premises? \$.....

2. Were well curb and cover
provided? \$.....
3. Water analyzed by health
authorities? \$.....

Signed by:

Date:, 1937.

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Department of Education

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
FILE REFERENCE:

August 31, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

For the School Plant Improvement Contest, we have entries of thirty-five counties, which employ about four thousand teachers in the aggregate. I have placed orders locally for printing ten thousand copies of the two-page report form similar to the 1936-37 form enclosed and five hundred copies of the four-page report form similar to the old one, copy enclosed. I am asking you for ten thousand copies of the bulletin entitled Suggestions for Improvement and Beautification of School Plants and five hundred or more of the bulletins on the Landscaping of School Grounds.

Mr. Brooker and I have arranged with the publishers for very desirable prizes, which they will donate.

Yours truly,

L. N. Taylor _{ac}

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July 8, 1937

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
FILE REFERENCE:

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

On several accounts, reports are late on our Kentucky School Plant Improvement Contest for 1936-37. You will recall that our plan of contest (copy inclosed) provides that the state prizes will be awarded to competitor counties rather than to individual schools, and on that basis I am writing the winners of state prizes. They are as follows:

In the contest of white school improvement, Henderson County wins first prize and Breathitt County wins second prize. (2)

In the improvement of colored schools, Henderson County wins first prize and Muhlenberg County wins second prize. (1)

A number of the counties that entered the contest withdrew from it before the close of the contest which ended the first day of June. Breathitt, Grayson, Henderson, Leslie and Todd Counties were the only ones that held out in competition for state prizes in the white contest. Henderson, Leslie, Muhlenberg and Todd are the only ones that held out in their contest for state prizes for colored schools.

In view of the findings of the state committee, both first prizes go to Henderson County, each prize being a \$36 elementary school library. The second prizes in each case is a \$15 elementary school library, one going to Breathitt County (white) and the other going to Muhlenberg County (colored).

Schools qualifying for Honor Rolls reported to date are as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Principal</u>
WHITE		
Breathitt	Morris Fork	Cecil Melton
Grayson	Little Clifty	T. W. Gibson
Leslie	Wilder Branch	Phillip J. Begley
Lewis	Laurel	Andrew H. Tomcray
Todd	Allensville	Bonnie Blakie Hall
Henderson	(Not reported)	
COLORED		
Henderson	County Training School	Willie Mae West
Muhlenberg	Drakesboro	William Holloway
Leslie	Hyden	Raymond McClelland
Todd	Penicktown	Ruth G. H. Scott

Several months ago the Julius Rosenwald Fund sent me for temporary use



in this Department one collection of each of the following libraries.

1. Books By and About Negroes
2. Stories of Many Lands
3. Supplementary Elementary Library

The last of the three collections is available for use as a state prize, a second prize. This collection may be turned over to the Muhlenberg County colored schools or to the Breathitt County white schools. It may be more convenient for me to deliver it to the Breathitt County schools than to the Muhlenberg County schools, if you consider it appropriate for me to do it that way. That will leave a first prize (elementary library) for Henderson County white schools, another library of the same kind for the Henderson County colored schools, and a Supplementary Elementary Library for the Muhlenberg County colored schools. I am asking that you arrange for those three libraries to be delivered accordingly, and that you authorize me to deliver the Supplementary Elementary Library that I now have to the Breathitt County white schools.

I believe you will be interested to see a copy of the reports made on the Henderson County contest improvements. If so, I shall be glad to send it to you. I feel that the contest this year has been justified in that county alone, and Mr. Brooker and I feel that we shall organize a contest for the ensuing school year, and will at once begin operations in that direction.

In your letter of June 22 you close the second paragraph as follows: "We shall continue to furnish bulletins on Improvement and Beautification of School Plants, and also the bulletin on "Community School Plan^ts, and the usual service for the blue prints and specifications." Am I right in assuming that the Julius Rosenwald Fund will authorize a reasonable appropriation for printing contest plans and report forms?

Yours truly,

L. N. Taylor

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Department of Education

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August 31, 1937

FILE REFERENCE:

Dear Superintendent:

Orders have been placed today for printed forms similar to those enclosed, but revised up to date. When these orders are delivered, we shall send to you at least one single sheet form for every school in your county and double sheet forms for your office. The single sheet (two-page) forms outline the improvements on which points are counted in the contest, and will guide the teachers, pupils and patrons in the improvements that they will be making.

Orders are being placed today with the Julius Rosenwald Fund for the bulletins that will afford further suggestions for school plant improvement. As soon as the bulletins reach this Department there will be copies of them sent in sufficient numbers for you to deliver a bulletin on suggestions for improvements to every school in the county. The larger bulletin on school ground landscaping should go to every county, in numbers adequate for use in all schools where school ground landscaping will be undertaken.

I am booked to be out of the office here during the month of September, and all correspondence with reference to the School Plant Improvement Contest will be handled by Mr. John W. Brooker. I am to be in the University of North Carolina in a Conference with state agents of other states and with General Education Board staff members and a number of other persons interested in the program of Negro education. The Conference will continue during the entire month of September.

The following counties have entered the contest: Adair, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Christian, Fleming, Fulton, Gallatin, Grant, Green, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, McCreary, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle, Rowan, Todd, Trimble, Trigg, Union, and Woodford.

Gallatin employs 23 white teachers, Pike 435 white teachers. A few of these counties employ no colored teachers. Christian employs 46. All the others employ intervening numbers within the limits indicated.

Some organization is needed in promoting your contests within the county. The county that sets up the most efficient organization and puts the most effort into it will get the most school benefit, and will be better in line for state prizes.

I trust that the good spirit with which you have entered this contest will carry thru with your teachers, pupils and school patrons and with such public-spirited organizations as may cooperate in promoting the contest within your county.

Yours truly,

L. M. Taylor

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L. N. Taylor
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FILE REFERENCE:

December 6, 1937

Mrs. Calvin S. Hobbs
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hobbs:

One of the libraries placed in this office was given as a prize in the School Plant Beautification Contest last year. It was awarded to Breathitt County at Jackson, Kentucky. The library collections not awarded as prizes are now in the office here and available for placement.

Yours truly,

L. N. Taylor

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LITTLE ROCK

*Plan for Contest on Improvement and
Beautification*

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SCHOOL PLANTS

1935-36

In order to stimulate the improvement of a maximum number of rural schools the Committee on School Plant Rehabilitation of the Julius Rosenwald Fund is cooperating with state and county officials in sponsoring a Contest on Improvement and Beautification of School Plants for both white and colored schools, and is offering four well selected Elementary Library Sets as prizes in the State Contest—two for white schools and two for colored schools—in keeping with the following suggestions and regulations:

STATE PRIZES: (1) One elementary library set will be offered in the Contest to the white school and one to the colored school making the greatest progress in improvement of buildings, grounds and equipment during the current school year; and (2) one elementary library set to the white school and one to the colored school rated highest by the state judges as the most beautiful, best arranged and most suitably equipped school plant regardless of time.

COUNTY AWARDS: An attractive Honor Roll Certificate, signed by the state and county superintendents of education and other officials, will be awarded the winning school of each group in a county, and such additional premiums as the county superintendent and committees may be able to secure from public spirited organizations, companies and individuals to stimulate a greater number of schools to enter the Contest. The winning white school and the winning colored school in each county will be eligible to enter the Contest for the state prizes by filing with the State Department of Education complete reports of improvements together with pictures.

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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: In order for a county to qualify in this Contest it is necessary that at least three schools file applications on blanks provided for this purpose, with the county superintendent. It is hoped that all schools in every county will participate. If both white and colored schools are entering the Contest, three schools of each group should file applications (where there are only two colored schools in a county and both file applications exception will be made to include them in the Contest).

DATE FOR ENTERING AND CLOSING THE CONTEST: The State Department of Education will fix the final date in the State for entering the Contest, the date for closing, as well as the date for final judging, and for making awards to the winning schools in each county and in the State.

JUDGES OF THE CONTEST: Each county superintendent will select a competent, impartial committee of three to judge the schools entering the County Contest, and will send the names of the winning schools together with reports and pictures to the State Department of Education. The State Superintendent has appointed a committee to sponsor the Contest and to judge the winning schools in the State Contest.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM: One day in the Winter or Spring will be designated by the State Superintendent as **School Improvement and Beautification Day**, with the hope that greater community interest may be focused on the need for improving and beautifying the school plants as well as school facilities.

COOPERATING AGENCIES: Probably the best results can be achieved in the Contest by the cooperation of all agencies in the school and community, such as principals and teachers, the pupils, the local school committee, the parent-teacher association, garden clubs, health officials, welfare workers, farm and home demonstration clubs, fraternal and religious organizations.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS: As a guide to superintendents, principals and teachers in improving and beautifying their school plants the bulletin, "Suggestions for Improvement and Beautification of School Plants", is attached. This will be used as a general basis for determining the prize winning schools in each county and in the State with any further specific regulations that may be furnished by the State Department of Education.

(Note: It is important that every school in the Contest file with the county superintendent a report of improvements (in duplicate) on the buildings, grounds and equipment, on the blanks furnished for this purpose, together with the total estimated cost and the contributing agencies, and attach pictures showing good views of the buildings and grounds; and that the county superintendent send these reports and pictures of the winning schools to the State Department of Education in order that they may be included in the State Contest.)

S.C.
contest

WLS (Leah)
1936
July

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF AWARDS IN THE
ROSENWALD BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

Riding over South Carolina is always a joy and doubly so when one is privileged to visit schools and compare progress during the years and evaluate present accomplishments. To be a Committee to award the four Rosenwald Fund libraries was a happyfying, if difficult undertaking. Though few schools contested in comparison with the total number in this state, they ran very close on many counts. Four libraries, valued at fifty dollars each, were allocated to the schools of South Carolina, two to white schools and two to Negro schools for general beautification and appearance and for the greatest improvement during the school year just closed. It would have been gratifying to see these additional books go to every school, but since there were only four, the unsuccessful candidates will have to be content with county certificates or hopeful of doing better the next time.

After a careful tabulation of the reports from the contesting schools, the seven schools having the most credits were visited to determine the finals in the contest. The white schools were just as advertised and a joy to see, though fewer reported than did the colored ones. Monticello in Fairfield at Salem Crossroads was a typical growing high school which lacked nothing urban and added several rural advantages such as space, sunshine, and ideal situation. Any school anywhere might well envy them their gymnasium which is now nearing completion.

The colored schools were a revelation of thrift, ingenuity, patience, preseverance and final conquest. The plants visited in the county seats were large and better equipped, but nothing like so inspiring as the rural ones, with their brave attempts at artistry, sanitation, and homemade playground equipment. Our hats remain off to their successful acceptance of limited means and materials and their triumph of mind over matter. To be specific about some of the fine things we saw, we mention the following: Natural stones, instead of brick, were formed into walks and gateways; willow and oak and pine were fashioned into seats and see-saws and joggling boards and such; native shrubs were interspersed in all the plantings; birdbaths were hardened in can tops; pipe and hose made into sanitary drinking fountains; and on and on in other places where necessity fosters invention.

More gratifying even than the schoolhouses and yards of the Negro communities (in Chester, York, Spartanburg, Oconee and Calhoun) visited was the fine type of citizenship of which the material things were silently eloquent. One school, we learned, but not from the colored patron who escorted us about, contributed \$2,000.00 towards their plant. They gave unstintingly of their limited means, their time and their interest, in building and beautifying their school. When asked about this matter, the escort replied, "Well, when we could not get away from our farms to work ourselves, we hired somebody to work in our places." We shall never forget the key-keeping patron's pride in showing us around, nor his honesty in not claiming their walls were markless when this was the item that pulled his school down in the tabulation. The only polished stoves we saw on our rounds were in the colored schools. (This was a requisite.)

Speaking of utilizing talent, one principal had a son who was a sign painter. He contributed his time and colors and painted a curtain for their stage -- a bright scene that gives the neighborhood as much, if not more, joy than the old masters give

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to the sophisticated. Another community enlisted the services of the local masons for their gateways of quartzlike rock. Not to be outdone by neighbors in a rock-strewn section, the pupils at one place trudged miles carrying stones so that their paths might also be bordered with rocks and whitewashed. (How we wish they would forget to paint stones already beautifully colored by Nature and save the whitewash for buildings and fences!) Several schools solved the problem of sanitary drinking water by putting a spigot in a large keg and furnishing each child a numbered tin cup. When not in use these cups hang, like silver apples, from trees which have been nailed to bases in the corners.

The colored school which will receive the library for recent improvement is a new one just waiting for occupancy. Behind this two-room building, shineing with whiteness and guarding a wide expanse of playground plentifully planted with native trees, there is a long story of patience and sacrifice which stretches over almost a dozen years. It is quite fitting that when the school opens it will no longer bear the name of the church in which it was previously taught, but that of the teacher who has put so much of herself into the project. Through the years she has strained every nerve to make money by entertainments. She inspired the pupils and encouraged the patrons to make and save over \$350.00. This nest-egg banked through the years became the nucleus of the sure-enough school which has risen on the lot adjoining the church. We were interested to drive by the nearest school, the recently erected Peterkin School, which also serves a growing community.

In South Carolina there are 1,850 white schools and 2,383 colored ones. Of these, comparatively few took part in the Rosenwald Beautification Contest. We understand that there are many schools over the state that would have made marvelous entries had they cared to do so. The schools receiving the awards and certificates were not necessarily type schools, but they were outstanding among those contesting. Though sometimes disappointing contesting is always salutary in that it inspires schools to renewed efforts along lines of sanitation, housekeeping, and beautification of house and grounds. More power to South Carolina's improved rural schools! If their climb is as fruitful in the next decade as it has been in the past ten years, we shall be able to over come our present low rating among the states as to literacy, and take our rightful place in the sun.

After camparisons, personal inspection, and a study of each situation, the judges submit the following report:

Libraries for General Appearance and Beautification:

WHITE: Great Falls High School, Chester County
NEGRO: Riverside School, Orangeburg County

Libraries for Improvements Made During Past School Year:

WHITE: Lynchburg, Lee County
NEGRO: Mount Pleasant, Calhoun County

The following schools will receive county certificates on the same counts:

General Appearance

WHITE

Monticello, Fairfield County
Asbury, Anderson County
Hamburg, Cherokee County
Pauline, Spartanburg County

Recent Improvements

Blackstock, Fairfield County
Hammond, Anderson County
Thickety Mountain, Cherokee County
Pauline, Spartanburg County

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CONTEST # II

For the one-teacher school which on March 27th is rated highest as the most beautiful, best arranged, in best condition, and most suitably equipped.

Winner: Center Hill, Fulton County

Beyond all question this is the best one-teacher school building participating in the contest this year. In fact, no one-teacher school, white or colored in the state, has been seen by the committee over a period of years which will approximate the plant at Center Hill.

Building - This building was constructed of the very best materials and is well finished inside and outside. It rests on a solid brick foundation with concrete steps at the two entrances. The plan was specially drawn by an architect in Atlanta along with other plans submitted for a building program in Fulton County.

Grounds - A deep well with a concrete curb can be seen in the picture. Two sanitary pit type privies are not seen but are located on the slope back of the well. The efforts of the children in this school in working on the grounds enabled them to win first place in a contest with thirty-seven other schools competing in the Beautification Contest in Fulton County. There are other school grounds in Fulton County, of course, that make a better appearance due to the fact that shrubbery has been planted over a period of years. Taking into consideration the small group in the school the work done since September has been remarkable. One of the pictures shows the children at work in the rock garden at the rear of the school.

Equipment - This school is equipped with shades, hyloplate blackboard, a jacketed stove, high grade individual desks and teacher's desk purchased from the American Seating Company. Individual places are provided in the cloak room for wraps and lunches. The rental system of text books is in use in the school which furnishes all books and materials at a very low cost.

Please ship the Rosenwald library to Miss Maggie L. Perry, Jeanes Supervisor, County Board of Education, Fulton County Court House, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Avoyelles Parish School Board

A. R. DE NUX, PRES.

L. A. CAYER, SUPT.

Marksville - - - - Louisiana

Odensburg:--Nothing done, repairs to be made by School Board and Sanitary toilets donated by Red Cross installed by W.P.A.

Moreauville--Planted shrubs and trees, installed cistern. The storm damaged building. Repairs are being made at present by Insurance Company. Estimated damage was \$150. The addition of another room may be necessary next session.

Tanner's Dyke--No improvements but two sanitary privies donated by Red Cross and installed by W. P. A. Addition or new building may have to be built.

Indian Bayou--Lot of one acre donated by colored patrons. New one-room building constructed by School Board at cost of \$900., painted inside and out, shelves and hooks in room, sufficient board space, desks added, flowers were planted, shades were given.

Goudeau--Two-room building painted inside and out and constructed by School Board at a cost of \$1800. Lot of one acre donated and fenced by colored patrons. Flowers and shrubs planted. Two privies donated by Red Cross were installed by W. P. A. Building equipped with shades, sufficient board space and two new heaters.

The School Board is planning to continue constructing negro schools every year, if funds permit, as it has done last year. Two one-room buildings and two two-room buildings, as you will notice in this report, were built by the School Board this year. The lots in every case were donated by the colored patrons.

Sanitary privies used during high water by the refugees have been donated by the Red Cross to the Avoyelles Parish School Board and these were transported and installed by W. P. A. workers where they were most needed in negro schools at a cost of \$107. for transportation and materials.

Pardon me for not having sent this report before but I was under the impression that I had until June 15th to submit same.

Yours very truly,

S. C. Ducote
S. C. Ducote,
Supervisor

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STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

As you have been previously informed, I believe, the Alabama Contest on "Improvement and Beautification of School Plants" officially closed May 10, 1936.

Reports are coming in slowly - much to our embarrassment - and the awards of prizes will be made on June 10, 1936.

As I wrote you some weeks ago, the contest has been rather "poky" this year. I never understood why until just a few days ago when I learned confidentially, the reason for such indifference as has been manifest this year. A little later on, I may disclose this secret to you - but not now. To say the least, I am greatly disappointed in the results of the contest this year.

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tell.
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With all good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

J. S. Lambert

J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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DEPUTY STATE SUPERINTENDENTS

J. D. WILSON
DISTRICT 1, WELLINGTON
G. D. HOLBROOK
DISTRICT 2, LUBBOCK
BRYAN DICKSON
DISTRICT 3, CHILDRESS
WARNER RASCO
DISTRICT 4, WICHITA FALLS
EVERETT M. SHEPHERD
DISTRICT 5, DENTON
R. N. SANDLIN
DISTRICT 6, COOPER
J. L. MOSES
DISTRICT 7, TEXARKANA
MADGE STANFORD
DISTRICT 8, ABILENE
OPAL GILSTRAP
DISTRICT 9, BROWNWOOD
BEULAH CUMMINGS
DISTRICT 10, CLEBURNE
ELIZABETH SMELLAGE
DISTRICT 11, DALLAS
E. E. CHAMNESS
DISTRICT 12, TYLER



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DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR SCHOOLS
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MYRTLE L. TANNER, SECRETARY OF RURAL AID

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S. G. BOYNTON
DISTRICT 14, SAN ANGELO
ERCELL W. BROOKS
DISTRICT 15, WACO
S. O. MURDOCK
DISTRICT 16, PALESTINE
E. ESTEN DAY
DISTRICT 17, NACOGDOCHES
MRS. P. E. DICKSON
DISTRICT 18, SAN ANTONIO
M. B. BROWN
DISTRICT 19, AUSTIN
E. L. ANGELL
DISTRICT 20, BRYAN
M. J. FIELDS
DISTRICT 21, HUNTSVILLE
NELL PARMLEY
DISTRICT 22, HOUSTON
E. H. PATTON
DISTRICT 23, LA GRANGE
KATHERINE HENDERSON
DISTRICT 24, KINGSVILLE

June 4, 1936

Mr. L. A. Woods
State Superintendent
State Department of Education
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Woods:

I am herewith submitting the two district winners in the colored division of the Improvement and Beautification contest. Only one white school entered; therefore, according to instructions, I am not submitting that name to you.

A. J. Overton, County Supt. of Anderson County, is to be complimented for his untiring efforts in behalf of the colored schools this year. Fourteen schools from his county competed for the winning positions.

The names of Green Bay, for the second year contest, and Swanson Springs (Mt. Olive), for the first year contest, are submitted for your consideration.

Hoping that these may find their way toward the top, I remain

Sincerely yours,
S. Ozell Murdock
Deputy State Sup't.
District Number 16

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contest)*

State of Oklahoma
Department of Public Instruction

JOHN VAUGHAN, SUPERINTENDENT
JOE SCOTT, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT

Oklahoma City

June 11, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please send the libraries won by the four Oklahoma schools to the county superintendents listed below. When you notify the county superintendents that the libraries are being shipped, I will appreciate it if you will send a carbon copy of the letter to the persons indicated in order that they may be on the lookout for the libraries:

Mr. Alvin Hicks, County Superintendent, Sapulpa, Oklahoma
CC: E. A. Session, Principal, Lowrance School, Sapulpa, Oklahoma

Mr. C. O. Hunt, County Superintendent, Purcell, Oklahoma
CC: George Nemecek, Principal, Johnson School, Purcell, Oklahoma

Mr. James A. Nevins, County Superintendent, Okmulgee, Oklahoma
CC: Miss Zula Cott, Principal, Oakdale School, Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Mr. Calvin Smith, County Superintendent, Wewoka, Oklahoma
CC: W. A. Dobson, Principal, Lima School, Lima, Oklahoma

Very truly yours,

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

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ROSENWALD BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST 1935-1936

County	No. Schools in Contest		No. Buildings Erected With Aid from W.P.A.		No. Buildings Improved by Aid from W.P.A. & N.Y.A.	
	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro
Beaver	1	--	--	--	15	--
*Beckham	1	--	--	--	--	--
Blaine	5	4	3	1	3	9
*Bryan	--	3	--	--	--	--
Comanche	6	--	1	--	3	--
*Coal	--	1	--	--	--	--
Cotton	4	--	5	--	10	--
Creek	--	21	--	--	--	19
Delaware	8	--	3	--	10	--
Haskell	25	2	3	2	40	2
*Kingfisher	4	4	--	--	--	--
Logan	--	1	2	1	--	--
*McClain	3	--	--	--	--	--
McIntosh	--	10	--	--	--	6
*Muskogee	--	3	--	--	10	12
Oklahoma	--	10	--	--	--	11
Oklmulgee	4	16	6	1	4	28
Seminole	--	20	--	--	6	2
*Washington	5	--	--	--	--	--

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12 Cos.

COUNTY WINNERS

	White	Negro
Blaine	Cordell-I, Southard-B	Emanuel-I, Emanuel-B
Bryan		Shoemaker-I, Shoemaker-B
Comanche	Spring Valley-I	
Cotton	Hulen-I, Pecan Grove-B	
Creek		Lowrance-I, Lowrance-B
Delaware	Sequoyah-I, Sequoyah-B	
Haskell	Brooken-I, Enterprise-B	Cass-I, Perry-B
Kingfisher	Lacy-I, Parker-B	Washington-I, Dunbar-B
McClain	Johnson-I, Johnson-B	
McIntosh		Smith Chapel-I, Rentiesville-B
Oklahoma		Arcadia-I, Harrison-B
Oklmulgee	Preston-I, Oakdale-B	Olympia-I, Northwest-B
Seminole		Lima-I, Grayson-B

*Indicates that report sent by county superintendent was incomplete

B indicates winner of contest as most beautiful and I indicates most improvement

STATE WINNERS

By a unanimous vote of the state committee of judges appointed by Superintendent John Vaughan the following schools were declared winners in the Rosenwald Beautification and Improvement Contest:

- ② Oak Dale - Okmulgee County, was declared the most beautiful and suitably equipped white school
 ① Johnson - McClain County, was declared the white school that made the greatest improvement
 ② Lowrance - Creek County, was declared the most beautiful and suitably equipped Negro school
 ① Lima - Seminole County, was declared the Negro school that made the greatest improvement

This report is respectfully submitted by

E. J. Halley Chief High School Inspector
Frank Williams Director, Schoolhouse Planning
A. K. Kiling Rural School Supervisor
E. A. Dute State Agent

June 10, 1936

Approved by

John Vancyston
State Superintendent

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State of Oklahoma
Department of Public Instruction

JOHN VAUGHAN, SUPERINTENDENT
JOE SCOTT, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT

Oklahoma City

June 11, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed herewith I take great pleasure in sending you a report of the Rosenwald Beautification and Improvement Contest among the white schools and the Negro schools in Oklahoma.

You will note that the number of counties that participated is not great, and that the reports from many of these county superintendents are incomplete. Many of the counties reported that no schools entered the contest in their counties, and these did not report the amount of improvement that had been made through the Federal Funds. Some of the county superintendents did not answer our inquiries concerning the contest, and we assume that no contest was held in those counties.

Because of the great amount of WPA, NYA, and Educational Survey material that has been sent to the counties this year, the Beautification and Improvement Contest did not go over very strong. Under the circumstances, we ourselves did not feel justified in putting as much strength behind it as we would have applied under different circumstances.

Enclosed, also, I am sending you a financial statement showing how the \$150 was spent. This, however, does not report the total expense for postage. In addition to this, the committee spent three days in the field checking schools that appeared to be winners. This took us to all sections of the state, - nine counties, - 750 miles on the speedometer!

Trusting that this report is satisfactory, and assuring you of our appreciation of the splendid contribution made by your Fund to the improvement and betterment of our rural schools, I am

Cordially yours,

E. A. Duke

E. A. Duke
State Agent

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NASHVILLE

DIVISION OF SCHOOLHOUSE PLANNING

June 13, 1936

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Mr. S. L. Smith,
502 Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

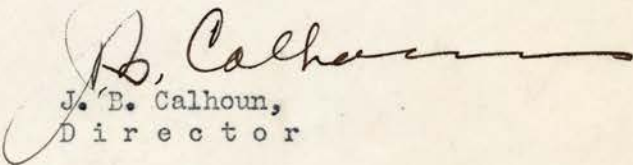
Dear Mr. Smith:

I am taking the liberty to reply to your letter of June 3 to Mr. Turner, a copy of which was placed on my desk.

Assuming that all of the counties which entered schools in the Beautification Contest will "come through", the following number of certificates will be required:

1. Schools making the greatest progress,
white 21
2. Schools making the greatest progress,
colored 46
3. Schools rating highest, regardless of
time - white. 21
4. Schools rating highest, regardless of
time - colored. 46

Yours sincerely,


J. B. Calhoun,
Director

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NRS (Rehab.
contest)

State of Arkansas
Department of Education
Little Rock

June 20, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are submitting, herewith, our report of Julius Rosenwald Day and Rural School Improvement Day for Colored Schools. The report for white schools is unavoidably delayed because of the illness of Mr. Baker and delay on the part of the State Parent Teacher Association in making the report.

Total schools (colored) reporting	651 ✓
Total counties reporting	40 ✓
Total cost of improvements	\$210,543 ✓

Winners - All State:

Lincoln School, Fayetteville, Arkansas, Principal Herman Caldwell, most improvement.

Mc Gehee High School, Mc Gehee, Arkansas, Principal A. S. Hamans, most attractive, etc.

(Each of the above is to receive a Julius Rosenwald Elementary Library from the Julius Rosenwald Fund direct)

One and Two-Teacher Schools:

1. Friendship, Conway County, Miss Christine Van Marion, County Examiner, Morrilton, Arkansas.
2. Gar Creek, Franklin County, Miss Mary J. Lewis, Jeanes Teacher, Howard School, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
3. Bunn, Dallas County, Mr. Dan Clary, County Examiner, Fordyce, Arkansas.

Three, Four, Five-Teacher Schools:

1. Mc Nabb, Hempstead County, Mr. J. H. Dodson, County Examiner, Nashville, Arkansas.
2. Van Buren, Crawford County, S. C. Torrence, Principal Colored School, Van Buren, Arkansas.
3. Thornton, Calhoun County, Mrs. E. C. Johnson, Principal, Thornton, Arkansas.

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Six-Teacher and Larger Schools:

1. Holly Grove, Monroe County, John Harris, Principal, Holly Grove, Arkansas.
2. Rosston, Nevada County, Lindsey Johnson, Principal, Rosston, Arkansas.
3. Blytheville, Mississippi County, A. A. Arnold, Principal, Blytheville, Ark.

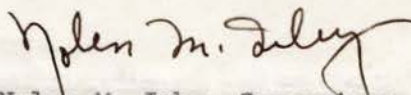
Prize Winners Within Each County:

<u>School</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Principal or other Authority</u>
Stuttgart	Arkansas	J. E. Howard, Supt., Stuttgart
Gillam	Ashley	Louise Washington, Jeanes Tch., Boydell
Thornton	Calhoun	Mrs. E. C. Johnson, Prin., Thornton
Jennie	Chicot	R. D. Caesar, Prin., Lake Village
Kingsland	Cleveland	Mrs. Margaret R. Ollison, Jeanes Tch., Fordyce
Friendship	Conway	Miss Christine Van Marion, Co. Exam., Morrilton
Jonesboro	Craighead	F. C. Turner, Prin., Jonesboro
Van Buren	Crawford	S. C. Torrence, Prin., Van Buren
Magnolia	Columbia	A. L. Burns, Supt., Magnolia
Wynne	Cross	F. D. Boone, Prin., Wynne
Bunn	Dallas	Mrs. Margaret R. Ollison, Jeanes Tch., Fordyce
Wilmar	Drew	W. B. Massey, Co. Exam., Monticello
Mc Gehee	Desha	O. S. Hamans, Prin., McGehee
Marion	Crittenden	W. W. Baker, Supt., Marion
Conway	Faulkner	Preston Mattison, Prin., Conway
Gar Creek	Franklin	Mary J. Lewis, Jeanes Tch., Howard Sch., Fort Smith
Ellis	Grant	
Mc Nab	Hempstead	J. H. Dodson, Co. Exam., Nashville
Center Ridge	Howard	J. H. Dodson, Co. Exam., Nashville
St. John	Jefferson	W. P. Keith, Co. Exam., Pine Bluff
Dist. #3	Lee	Miss Alma Futrall, Co. Exam., Marianna
Stamps	Lafayette	W. D. Hearon, Prin., Stamps
Ashdown	Little River	Ben Williams, Supt., Ashdown
Gray Rock	Logan	Mary J. Lewis, Jeanes Tch., Howard Sch., Fort Smith
Lonoke	Lonoke	James Abraham, Supt., Lonoke
Blytheville	Mississippi	Miss Winnie V. Turner, Co. Exam., Blytheville
Holly Grove	Monroe	John Harris, Prin., Holly Grove
Rosston	Nevada	Lindsey Johnson, Prin., Rosston
Bearden	Ouachita	C. H. Richard, Prin., Bearden
Eliza Miller	Phillips	M. M. Wilbun, Prin., Helena
Valley Grove	Pulaski	Mrs. Viola Harris, Jeanes T., Court House, Little Rock
Aiken	Prairie	D. N. Misenhimer, Co. Exam., De Valls Bluff
Alexander	Saline	W. A. Jackson, Co. Exam., Benton
Howard	Sebastian	Mrs. Mary J. Lewis, Jeanes T., Howard Sch., Fort Smith
Silver Ridge	Sevier	R. H. Jacques, Prin., Lockesburg, R. F. D.
Smackover	Union	L. J. Gurst, Prin., Smackover
Fayetteville	Washington	Herman Caldwell, Prin., Fayetteville
Kensett	White	B. T. W. Brembry, Prin., Kensett
Colona	Woodruff	Mrs. E. E. Mc Clendon, Jeanes Tch., Mc Crory
Dist. No. 4	Bradley	Mrs. Bessie Corrothers, Jeanes Tch., Warren

Each of the above forty schools is to receive an Honor Roll Certificate.

We are sending pictures of some of the winning schools.

Very truly yours,



Nolan M. Irby, Supervisor
Colored Schools

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STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

June
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1936

Mr. S. L. Smith, Director
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Smith:

It is with some embarrassment that I undertake to report to you the results of the contest on "Improvement and beautification of School Plants" in Alabama, for the year 1935-36.

Only thirty-three schools entering the contest sent in reports, copies of which I herewith enclose for your inspection.

Of the ten counties reporting, only three have named a winner - namely, Hale, Monroe, and Shelby.

The names of the winning schools are:

<u>County</u>	<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Address</u>
Hale	Guinea	Greensboro, Ala.
Monroe	Clausell	Monroeville, Ala.
Shelby	Siluria	Siluria, Alabama

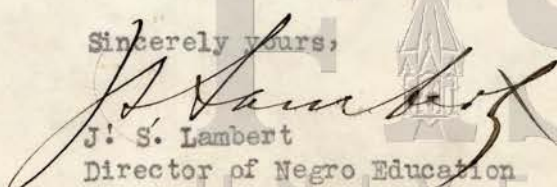
The two sets of books will go to Montgomery County Training School as the best kept school in the State, and to Siluria Rosenwald School, Siluria, Shelby County, Alabama, as the most improved school during the year.

On account of failure to get reports from the other counties, I should suggest that honor certificates be furnished only for the Guinea School in Hale County, and Clausell School in Monroe County.

If the contest be continued next year, we shall make an honest effort to redeem the situation in Alabama.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,


J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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M. D. COLLINS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS

State
Department of Education
Atlanta, Georgia

June 25, 1936

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Certificates

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

March the 27th was the date for the closing of the Beautification Contest in Georgia and this was also Rosenwald Day in Georgia. A total of 147 schools in 21 counties participated in the Improvement and Beautification Contest, 21 schools in 16 counties participated in the Rosenwald Day Program which were not entered in the Improvement and Beautification Contest. The total number of schools, then, observing Rosenwald Day was 168 in 37 counties,

Enclosed herewith you will find pictures and statements about winning schools in Contest #1 and Contest #2.

We had planned to use the \$125.00 for prizes in the 37 counties participating in the Improvement and Beautification Contest. After your visit here this week, at which time you requested that as much of the Rosenwald Day appropriation be returned as possible, we have decided to give prizes in only 10 counties. These counties will receive a new map of Georgia which has just been put out by the Rand-McNally Company. The enclosed copy of a letter to a Rand-McNally representative indicates that \$82.50 was expended for these maps. The representative will furnish us a receipt for these maps and we will forward it to you at a later date. The balance between \$82.50 and the \$125.00 Rosenwald Day appropriation is \$42.50. Enclosed herewith you will find a check for \$42.50 which clears the books on this appropriation. You recall that you agreed to let us use this Rosenwald Day appropriation for prizes in the Beautification Contest with the understanding that the State Department of Education would issue a Rosenwald Day bulletin and be responsible for the entire expenditure attached.

For the past two years the Contest on Improvement and Beautification of school grounds has acted as a stimulus to the various communities in the state to put some of the Rosenwald buildings in better condition and to get federal aid for general improvements. I have just been informed by the State WPA office that they already have enough projects on file to take up all the

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labor for which they can pay for the next year. Therefore it will be difficult for schools to get federal aid on improvement of school buildings and grounds if the application is not already on file in the Atlanta office.

You may send us 19 certificates for the winners in the counties in addition to two certificates for the winners in the State Contest.

If you need additional information about matters mentioned in this letter please call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Cousins

Robert L. Cousins,
Asst. Supervisor Negro Education

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CONTEST # I

For the school making the greatest progress in improvement of buildings, grounds, and equipment from September 2nd, 1935, to March 27th, 1936.

Winner: Fowlstown, Decatur County

On September 1st, 1935, the Fowlstown colored school in Decatur County was housed in a two-story lodge hall. The following statement represents achievements between September 2nd, 1935, and March 27th, 1936:

Building - A new building was constructed by Rosenwald plan 400 at an actual cost of \$4,403.73.

Grounds - When the building was constructed it was placed on a clear site which had grown up in small bushes. The first attempt towards improving the grounds was to secure the services of Mr. H. W. Harvey, a specialist in landscaping at the University of Georgia. Mr. Harvey furnished the patrons and Home Demonstration Agent with a plan which has been definitely followed. One large wood and tool house has been constructed, two sanitary pit privies have been provided, a well has been dug, seats and trellises have been built on the lawn, native shrubs in profusion have been set out. Some of these do not show on the enclosed pictures. Of course it is difficult for shrubbery that has just been set out to make much of a showing. The grounds have been fenced in in order to protect the shrubbery. It is estimated that \$300.00 has been spent on the grounds.

Equipment - A total of \$662.00 worth of equipment for the building has been purchased. Tables have been made locally for the primary room, good heaters have been placed in each room, and the home economics room has been properly equipped.

Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds, & equipment	\$ 5,365.73
Amount of aid received from county and state funds	3,062.98
Amount of aid received from government funds	1,365.75
Amount contributed by community in labor, material & money	938.00

Shipped The Rosenwald library should be shipped to Miss Lillian E. Williams, Home Demonstration Agent, P. O. Box 15, Bainbridge, Georgia. Miss Williams was formerly a Jeanes Supervisor in Decatur County and is responsible to a large degree for the improvement in the Negro schools in the county.

Decatur County has constructed at least ten new Negro school buildings similar to the one at Fowlstown within the last sixteen months.



STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TWENTIETH FLOOR, LEXINGTON BUILDING
LEXINGTON AND LIBERTY STREETS
BALTIMORE

J. W. HUFFINGTON
SUPERVISOR OF COLORED SCHOOLS

NLS (Rehab.)
(contest)

Contest

June 27, 1936.

Mr. S. L. Smith,
502 Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I am submitting the list of counties participating in the Improvement and Beautification of Negro Schools in the counties of the State of Maryland.

We are adjudging to receive the prize for having made the greatest progress in improvement of buildings, grounds, and equipment during the year Royal Oak School of Talbot County - Teacher: Miss Mary F. Miller; Postoffice: St. Michael's, Maryland; Superintendent: Willard Davis, Easton, Maryland; County Supervisor: Wm. H. Fauntleroy, Easton, Maryland.

To secure the prize for the most beautiful, best arranged, and most suitably equipped school: Salisbury Colored High and Elementary School - Principal: Charles H. Chipman, Salisbury, Maryland; County Supervisor of Colored Schools: Miss Marie Dashiell, Nanticoke, Maryland; County Director of Negro Schools: Charles E. Tilghman, Salisbury, Maryland; Superintendent: James M. Bennett, Salisbury, Maryland.

As the schools are closed, please ship books (the prizes) to the two superintendents named: For Royal Oak, Superintendent Willard Davis, Postoffice, freight, express address, - Easton, Maryland.

For Salisbury, Superintendent James M. Bennett, Postoffice, freight, express address, Salisbury, Maryland.

A picture of the Royal Oak school and grounds is enclosed. One of Salisbury will go forward within a few days.

Very sincerely yours,

J. W. Huffington
Supervisor of Colored Schools.

JWH:CMS



Counties in Maryland Participating in the Improvement
and Beautification of Colored Schools

COUNTY	No. of Schools	Greatest Improvement
Howard	8	Elkridge
Harford	10	Kalmia
Carroll	4	Union Bridge
Wicomico	10	Salisbury (High and Elem.)
Anne Arundel	20	Shady Side
Caroline	8	Lockerman (High and Elem.)
Queen Anne's	5	Ingleside
Baltimore	10	Catonsville
Charles	12	Bel Alton
Dorchester	22	Vienna
Worcester	10	Newark
Talbot	22	Royal Oak

11 of each white
4 of each colored.

NLS (Rehab-
Contest)

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND

June 30, 1936

Mr. S.L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. Alexandria and I have considered carefully the returns from the beautification contest, and we are recommending that the library be forwarded to the following schools:

First: The white school building that has made the most improvement to date - The King William High School in King William County, Supt. W.E. Garber, Palls, Virginia.

Second: The colored school building that has made the most improvement to date - The Russell Grove High School at Amelia, Supt. W.R. Wrigglesworth Blackstone, Virginia.

Third: The white school that has made the most improvement during the past year, - The Central School, Accomac County, Supt. Henry A. Wise, Parksley, Virginia.

Fourth: The colored school building that has made the most improvement during the past year - The Disputanta Training School, Supt. R.W. Copeland, Hopewell, Virginia. *Prince George Co.*

I am enclosing pictures of each of these schools at follows:

The King William High School in 1929 and 1936.

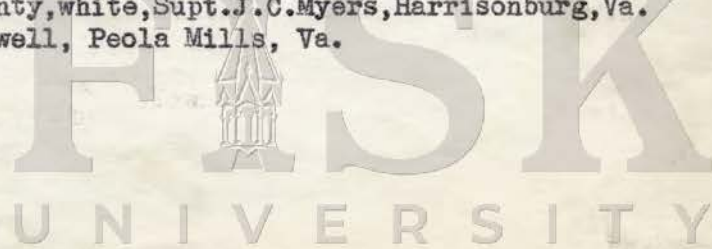
The Russell Grove School-before and after.

The Central High School in Accomac County is an early picture, and does not show the condition of the grounds as of this summer. We will endeavor to have a more recent picture sent you as soon as we can get such picture made.

On the Disputanta Training School I am enclosing full information as furnished by Supt. Copeland.

Below is listed schools that have submitted information and should be entitled to the honor roll certificate:

- 1 Millboro High School, white, Bath County, Supt. Theodore R. Sinclair, Warm Springs, Va.
- 2 Bridgewater High School, Rockingham County, white, Supt. J.C. Myers, Harrisonburg, Va.
- 3 Madison High School, white, Supt. A.W. Yowell, Peola Mills, Va.

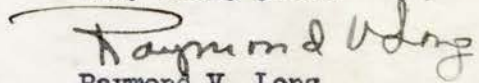


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- 4 Radiant Colored School, Madison County, Supt. A.W.Yowell, Peola Mills, Va.
- 5 Boydton High School, White, Mecklenburg County, Supt. C.B.Green, Boydton, Va.
- 6 Virginia Randolph Training School, Colored, Henrico County, Supt. J.M.Shue, Henrico C.H. Richmond, Va.
- 7 Onancoak High School, white, Accomac County, Supt. Henry A. Wise, Parksley, Va.
- 8 Accomac High School, white, Accomac County, Supt. Henry A. Wise, Parksley, Va.
- 9 Mary N. Smith, colored, Accomac County, Supt. Henry A. Wise, Parksley, Virginia
- 16 Vera Elementary School, white, Appomattox County, Supt. J.A.Burke, Appomattox, Va.
- 11 Disputanta High School, white, Prince George County, Supt. R.W.Copeland, Hopewell, Va.
- 12 Carson High School, white, Prince George County, Supt. R.W.Copeland, Hopewell, Va.
- 13 Cedar Leval School, colored, Prince George County, Supt. R.W.Copeland, Hopewell, Va.
- 14 Bethel High School, white, Supt. B.D.French, Abingdon, Va. (Washington County)
- 5 William King High School, white, Washington County, Supt. B.D.French, Abingdon, Va.

I regret there were not more applications returned, but due to various causes, some of which are known to you, it was difficult to get this work properly attended to this year. If the program is offered another year, and I have the privilege of working with you, I think we can assure you of fuller cooperation in this fine work you are doing in connection with improvement to school grounds.

Very truly yours


Raymond V. Long
Director School Buildings

RVL:LC

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STATE OF ARKANSAS

Report of Improvement and Beautification

of

SCHOOL PLANTS

1935—1936

SCHOOL _____ White, Colored COUNTY _____
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: _____

Estimated cost \$ _____

2. Grounds: _____

Estimated cost \$ _____

3. Equipment: _____

Estimated cost \$ _____

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ _____

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ _____

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ _____

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ _____

Filled in by _____ Principal or teacher

Address _____ Date _____

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STATE OF ARKANSAS

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LITTLE ROCK

Contest On Improvement And Beautification
of
SCHOOL PLANTS

Application 1935—1936

NAME OF SCHOOL _____ COUNTY _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____ White, Colored
(Underscore one)

We desire to enter this school in the Improvement and Beautification Contest sponsored by the State Department of Education and the Julius Rosenwald Fund Committee on School Plant Rehabilitation, subject to the regulations and directions set forth by the State, and will endeavor to give a complete report of the improvements at the end of the Contest on blanks furnished for this purpose.

Filed by:

Approved by:

Principal

County Superintendent

19____

(A copy of each application approved by the County Superintendent should be mailed to the State Department of Education.)

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General Appearance

NEGRO

Spider Web, Aiken County
Allendale Grammar, Allendale County

Training School, Anderson County
Ehrhardt, Bamberg County

Shady Lane, Cherokee County
Finley High, Chester County
Lodge, Colleton County
Wesley Chapel, Darlington County
Johnston, Edgefield County
Timmons ville, Florence County
Chapman's Grove, Greenville County
Jackson, Horry County
Long Branch, Lee County
Seneca High, Oconee County
Rosenwald, Saluda County
Corner, Spartanburg County
Bracey, Sumter County
New Home, York County
Beaufort County Training, Beaufort

Recent Improvements

Clearwater, Aiken County
Allendale Grammar, Allendale County
(or Allendale Training School)

Hampton, Bamberg County
Lincolnville, Charleston County
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Fishing Creek, Chester County
Lodge, Colleton County
Wesley Chapel, Darlington County
Edgefield, Edgefield County
Tans Bay, Florence County

Myrtle Beach, Horry County
Curry, Lee County
Walhalla, Oconee County
Ridge Hill, Saluda County
New Bethel, Spartanburg County

Garroll, York County

Erin Kohn

Chairman

Mrs. A. S. Gaillard

Mrs. Giles Fleming

State of South Carolina
Department of Education

JAS. H. HOPE
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION



COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 2, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Under separate cover we are mailing you a copy of the report of the committee appointed to make awards under the Rosenwald Beautification and Improvement Program.

The summarized report was somewhat disappointing to us and I know will be to you, however, our observation convinces us that a great many more schools participated in the program than actually reported. Their failure to report, I think, is explained by the fact that the county superintendents are over-burdened with various programs and, also, a great many of the county superintendents are now engaged in their political campaigns and we think that many of them over-looked sending in reports, despite the fact that they were requested specifically to do so.

You will note that comparatively large schools received the award in both white and colored for the best situation. It was uniformly agreed by the judges that it was unfair for the larger schools to compete on the same basis as the smaller rural schools but it was the feeling of the judges that under the conditions outlined, they necessarily must award the prizes to the larger schools.

We wish to thank you for your cooperation and interest in the improvement of the school plants in the State.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Schiffley

Asst. State Agent Negro Schools

S. P. Clemons

Director of Schoolhouse Planning


(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equipment, building	County & State Funds received	Amt received from Gov. Funds	Amt contributed by Com. in labor, Mat. & money.
County Tr. School	\$ 175.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 155.00
Allendale Grammar	\$ 85.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$93,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$13,000.00

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Anderson County
(Colored)


School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equipment, building	County and State Funds received	Amt received from Govn't Funds	Amt Contributed by Com in labor, mat
Hammond	\$ 546.00	\$ 71.50	\$ 70.00	\$ 687.50	\$ 598.00		\$ 89.50
			(White)				
Lebanon	\$ 107.80	\$ 238.24	\$ 40.00	\$ 395.04	60.00	\$ 75.00	260.04



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Calhoun County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost Plant, equipment, building	County and State Funds received	Amt received from Gov. Funds	Amt Contributed by Com in labor, mat & money.
Mt. Pleasant	\$3,000.00		\$ 300.00				


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Charleston County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equipment, building	County & State Funds received	Amt Received from Gov. Funds	Amt Contributed by Com in labor, Mat & money.
Whaley			\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00			\$ 15.00
Four Mile		\$ 4.50		4.50			
Seven Mile	\$ 12.50	2.00	2.00	16.00			
Twenty-One Mile	130.00	10.00		40.00	\$ 40.00		
Lincolnvillle		30.00		30.00			70.00
Fifteen Mile	35.00	10.00	12.00	57.00	50.00		7.00
Moss Swamp							3.00

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Cherokee County
(Colored)

Colleton County
(Colored)

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Darlington County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equip- ment, build- ing	County and State Funds received	Amt received from Gov. Funds	Amt Contributed by Com in labor, Mat & money.
Wesley Chapel	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 58.00
Mayo	26.50	85.75	104.00	216.25	1350.00		100.00
New Providence		9.33	10.00	19.33			
Mt. Zion	2200.00	225.00	20.00	2445.00	2445.00		75.00
Newman Swamp		6.50	4.00				1.00
New Haven	500.00	40.00					
Cherry Grove	190.45	15.00	19.00	224.45	190.45		19.00
Pleasant Grove	90.00						



Edgefield County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equip- ment, build- ing	County and State Funds received	Amt received from Gov. Funds	Amt Contri- buted by Com in labor, Mat and money
Bland Baptist	\$ 2.15	\$ 11.50	\$ 13.65				\$ 13.65



Fairfield County
(CWhite)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equipment, building	County and State Funds received	Amt received from Govn't Funds	Amt Contributed by Com in labor, Mat & money
Monticello	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 25.00	\$12,800.00	\$300.00	\$8,000.00	\$100.00
Greenbrier	6,500.00	150.00	150.00	6,900.00	2500.00		4300.00
Blackstock		508.40		508.40	8.40		500.00

Lee County
(White)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equipment, building	County & State Funds received	Amt received from Gov. Funds	Amt contributed by Com in labor, Mat. & money.
Lynchburg	\$ 800.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$400.00	\$850.00	\$ 50.00
Curry	13.50	\$ 38.00	225.00	76.00			
Long Branch	341.16	86.50	165.00	592.00	14.75		577.91

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Marlboro County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equip- ment, build- ing	County and State Funds Received	Amt received from Gov. Funds	Amt Contributed by Com in labor, Mat. & money
Brownesville	\$1500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1650.00	\$1150.00	\$ 500.00	
New Hope	200.00		25.00	225.00	150.00	50.00	\$ 25.00
Wesley	150.00		25.00	175.00	50.00	50.00	75.00
Level Green	150.00	25.00	50.00	225.00	125.00	50.00	50.00
St. Mark	100.00	25.00	20.00	145.00	85.00	40.00	20.00
Lester	500.00	25.00	50.00	575.00	375.00	150.00	50.00
Blenheim	50.00		25.00	75.00			75.00
St. Paul	2500.00		300.00	2800.00	1800.00	1000.00	
Key	200.00	5.00	50.00	225.00	105.00	100.00	50.00
Galilee	250.00	25.00	10.00	285.00	175.00	100.00	10.00



Newberry County
(Colored)


School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equip- ment, build- ing	County & State Funds received	Amt received from Govn't Funds	Amt contri- buted by Com in labor, Mat & money
Mt. Hebron	\$ 11.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 16.00			\$ 2.00
Lever Chapel	2.00	7.50	3.00	12.50			1.00
Whitmire	3.00	75.00	10.00	88.00			10.00
Bush River	5.00	6.00	10.00	21.00			2.00
Dan-Watkins	4.00	10.00	2.00	16.00			5.00
Elisha	30.00	100.00	10.00	140.00			5.00
Mt. Bethel	20.00	25.00	8.00	53.00	\$ 5.00		40.00
Drayton St.	40.00	50.00	137.00	527.00			50.00
Rutherford	20.00	2.00	10.00	32.00			10.00
Trinity					20.00		25.00
Br...	11.00	2.00	3.00	16.00	5.00		2.00

Oconee County
(Colored)

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Orangeburg County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equipment, building	County and State Funds received	Amt received from Gov. Funds	Amt contributed by Com. in labor, Mat. & Money
Springfield	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.75		\$ 50.75	\$ 45.00		\$ 5.75
Edisto Graded	8.00	3.25		24.25			
Ebenezer	7.50	1.00	\$ 5.00	13.50			
Prince	3.25	5.00	7.00	15.25	4.25		2.00
Flora Branch	17.45	11.40	28.85				
Antioch	3.00	5.00	2.00	10.00			
Old Field	.75	5.00	1.00	6.75	4.00		
Great Branch	1.95	56.05	18.00	75.00	23.90		51.10
East Middle		40.00		40.00			40.00
Riverside	250.00	907.00	60.00	1,217.00	600.00		310.00



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Saluda County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equip- ment, build- ing	County and State Funds received	Amt received from Govn't Funds	Amt contri- buted by Com. in labor, Mat. & money
Ridge Hill	\$ 125.00	\$200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 275.00
Saluda Ros.	1500.00	160.00	18.00	1678.00	100.00	18.00	1060.00
Plum Branch	95.00	75.00	10.00	180.00	95.00	10.00	75.00

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Spartanburg County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equip- ment, build- ing	County and State Funds rec'd.	Amt. rec'd from Govn't Funds	Amt. contb'd by Comm. in labor, Mat. & money
Corner	\$ 7.00	\$ 33.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.50	\$ 35.50		\$ 10.00
New Bethel	278.05	518.95	531.00	1328.00	185.45	\$ 673.00	\$ 457.55
Holly Spring	1.50	.50	.60	62.00	2.00		60.00
Pleasant Fall	142.83	4.00	142.83	162.40	155.30		7.10
(White)							
Pauline	\$ 249.00	\$ 559.40	\$ 7.50	\$ 816.40	249.50		566.90

Sumter County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equip- ment, building	County and State Funds received	Amt rec'd from Govn't Funds	Amt. cont'b'd by Comm. in labor, Mat. Money
High Hill	\$ 55.25			\$ 57.00	\$ 15.00		\$42.00

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York County
(Colored)

School	Cost of Building	Cost of Equipment	Cost of Grounds	Total Cost plant, equipment, building	County & State Funds received	Amt received from Gov. Funds	Amt. contributed by Com in labor, Mat & money
Carroll	\$ 37.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 159.00	\$ 67.00		\$ 25.00
New Home	25.10	145.00	9.25		25.10		129.15
Bowling Green		60.00	35.00		60.00		35.00
Fairview		15.00	20.00				
Jefferson High	300.00		100.00	400.00	250.00		
Fairview		18.00	25.00	43.00	18.00		25.00
McKnight (Clover)	20.00	29.00	51.00	100.00	30.00		70.00

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NASHVILLE

DIVISION OF NEGRO SCHOOLS

July 7, 1936

WCS (Relab-
contest)

Mr. S. L. Smith,
502 Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Committee on Improvement and Beautification of School Plants has requested me to notify you that we have selected the State winners in this contest.

In the contest for white schools the St. Bethlemen School of Montgomery County was judged to be the most outstanding and beautiful school. Shouns School of Johnson County was judged to be the school having made the most improvement.

Of the Negro schools the Solway School of Knox County was judged to be the most beautiful school and the County Training School in Decatur County was judged to be the school having made the most improvement.

We are also sending you lists of the county winners, with pictures submitted attached.

Cordially yours,

J. Clyde Seale
J. Clyde Seale,
Assistant Director

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NRS (Rehab -
Contest

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
RALEIGH

July 14, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith,
502 Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have selected the winning schools for the Contest on Improvement and Beautification of School Plants in North Carolina for the year 1936. We are awarding the first prize for the white schools making the most improvement during the current year to the Oxford School in Catawba County. Pictures and report are inclosed herewith. The work done on this school was genuine and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the contest. I doubt if a more outstanding piece of work was done in the country than was done at the Oxford School.

The prize to the white school making the most improvement, regardless of time, goes to the Ansonville School in Anson County. A report of the work done in this school is inclosed, but the pictures that were submitted sometime ago were not very good. I believe that I sent them to you. I have written to the County Superintendent for new pictures, or for at least duplicate pictures of this school. I personally inspected the school plant at Ansonville and marveled at the work that had been done over the last two or three years.

The colored school winning the first prize was the Cleveland County Training School at Shelby in Cleveland County. Pictures and report of the work done at this school are inclosed herewith.

The colored school winning the prize for the best work done, regardless of time, was the Pender County Training School at Rocky Point. Several buildings comprise the school plant at this place and, despite the fact that the school is located on some very low wet land, a remarkable program of improvement has been carried on. Much of the work was done this year.

Libraries may properly be sent to the following superintendents:

Oxford School, Catawba County - Library to be sent to Superintendent
J. A. Capps, Newton, N. C.

Ansonville School, Anson County - Library to be sent to Superintendent
J. O. Bowman, Wadesboro, N. C.

Cleveland County Training School - Library to be sent to Superintendent
(City) B. L. Smith, Shelby, N. C.

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Pender County Training School - Library to be sent to Superintendent T. T. Murphy, Burgaw, N. C.

The next best white school in the State is the Edgetville School in Guilford County. There was some sentiment among the judges that this should receive a prize. However, as we had only four prizes to offer, this school had to be eliminated. We are sending you pictures. Mrs. E. L. Faulconer, 401 Aberdeen Terrace, Greensboro, N. C., is the principal of this school and deserves the credit for much of the work done.

The next best white school is the Waughtown School in Forsyth County. Significant work has been done at this school, and I regret that a prize cannot be given to it. Report and pictures are inclosed herewith.

The Hill Street School in Asheville, North Carolina, is one of the most beautiful in the State. However, I felt that it was too far removed from the contest to be awarded a prize. You will note that postcards have already been made of this school. I believe them to be at least two or three years old.

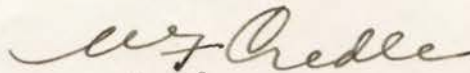
To the white schools making significant progress in the contest and entitled to first prizes in their counties are the Pantego School in Beaufort County, the Benhaven School in Harnett County, Franklin Street School, in Rockingham County, and the John S. Henderson Elementary School in Rowan, the Hoke County High School in Hoke County, the Morning Star School in Haywood County.

A full report on the Beautification Contest will be sent you within the next few days. Suffice it to say at this time that 4,834 schools were sent literature and application blanks for the contest. On account of the extremely severe winter, many of these schools were so handicapped that they did not feel that they had accomplished enough to file a report for certificate or a library.

Perhaps we shall be able to make a much better showing next year. Several schools have already made their plans to enter the contest at that time, and are sowing the school lawns in peas and the like, getting their grounds in preparation for the Beautification Contest next year.

If there is other information that you would like to have, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,



W. F. Credle,
Director Schoolhouse Planning

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Report of Improvement and Beautification

of

SCHOOL PLANTS

1935—1936

SCHOOL Oxford
☒ White, Colored
(Underscore one)
COUNTY Catawba

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: Remodeled inside. Finished three rooms: Elementary library, high school library and primary room (mostly by county).

Estimated cost \$ 2,000.

2. Grounds: Moved garage, graded grounds, put in underground drainage, planted grass, repaired pool and fountain, planted 200 native and nursery shrubs and trees.

Estimated cost \$ 1,000.

3. Equipment: Stage scenery, purchased 964 books, refurnished and painted kitchen, repaired 600 books.

Estimated cost \$ 1,970.

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 4,970.

5. Amount of aid received from county and ~~state~~ funds \$ 2,510.

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ 300.

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 2,160.

Filled in by R. K. Johnston

Principal or teacher

Address Route # 1, ClaremontDate June 4, 1936

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good views of grounds and building.)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Report of Improvement and Beautification

of

SCHOOL PLANTS

1935—1936

SCHOOL Naughton ☒ White, ☐ Colored COUNTY Forsyth
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: All walls patched for painting. Painting in progress. Doors in all rooms hung outside (fire regulation). New doors ordered (outside) 100 sq. bulletin board. Equipped nurse room. Two book cases for library. 300 books. New arch for stage

Estimated cost \$ 850.00

2. Grounds: Graded entire grounds - walls & bins, planted (260 plants) around main bldg & out bldg. Sodded except 7 terrace, one basket base court, 2 play ground basket base diamonds. Planted 18 trees, connected power line to city

Estimated cost \$ 1090.00

3. Equipment: Velour stage curtain & painted drop. Sky boxes - outdoor scene. new lighting equipment and curtains. draperies for auditorium

Estimated cost \$ 335.00

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 2,275.00

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 437.00

Filled in by Julius A. Woodward Principal or teacher

Address Naughton School Date June 1, 1936

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good views of grounds and building.)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Report of Improvement and Beautification

of

SCHOOL PLANTS

1935—1936

SCHOOL Waughton ☒ White, ☐ Colored COUNTY Forsyth
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: All walls patched for painting. - Painting in gym, door in all rooms hung outside (fire escape) new door, ordered for outside room. 100 sq. ft. Bulletin board. Equipped new room. Two books for library. 300 books new cards for stage Estimated cost \$ 850.00

2. Grounds: Graded entire ground - walks, drive, planted (no shrubbery) around main bldg & road bldg. Sodded 2000 sq. ft. terrace. One basket ball court. 100 basket ball diamonds. Set 18 trees, connected sewer line to city. Estimated cost \$ 1090.00

3. Equipment: Velour curtain for stage & painted drop. Sky borders, outdoor scene. New light for auditorium. Draperies for auditorium windows Estimated cost \$ 335.00

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ _____

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ _____

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ _____

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 437-

Filled in by Julius A. Woodward Principal or teacher

Address Waughton School Date June 1, 1936

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good views of grounds and building.)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Report of Improvement and Beautification of SCHOOL PLANTS

1935-1936

 SCHOOL Masonville White Colored COUNTY Mason
 (Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: Doors and locks repaired
Inside of lavatories painted
Decks tightened and fastened to floor
Coal bin constructed Estimated cost \$ 50⁰⁰
2. Grounds: Shrubbery planted; grounds leveled
and terraced; Athletic courts made
Underbrush in forest cut out; Swampy
area drained Estimated cost \$ 3,100⁰⁰
3. Equipment: Three new stores and three cabinets,
four new sewing machines; various
small equipment; new velvet
curtain installed Estimated cost \$ 600⁰⁰
4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 3750⁰⁰
5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ 1,000⁰⁰
6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ 200⁰⁰
7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 750⁰⁰

 Filled in by R E Beasley Principal or teacher
 Address Masonville N.C. Date April 11, 1936

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See back of sheet for contributing agencies

Contributing Agencies:

- 1 Federal relief funds
- 2 Anson County
- 3 Eclectic Club
- 4 Private funds
- 5 Local individuals

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Report of Improvement and Beautification

of

SCHOOL PLANTS

1935-1936

 SCHOOL Baileys ☒ White, Colored (Underscore one) COUNTY Beaufort

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: Shades at all windows, wall freed
of posters and pictures in their
places. (we have paint to paint building
inside & out. Will be completed soon) Estimated cost \$?

2. Grounds: Graded, Preparation made for
planting shrubbery, 600ft of 6' sidewalk,
Pennis Court & ball ground graded.

Estimated cost \$ 800⁰⁰

3. Equipment: All equipment for standardization
of Elem. School. 4000 Vol. Library book
\$100⁰⁰ Sci. Equip., Chairs, tables and
book cases built Estimated cost \$ 960⁰⁰

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 1760⁰⁰?

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ 280⁰⁰

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 1480⁰⁰

Filled in by Ashton Principal or teacher

Address Baileys Date 5/21/36

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good views of grounds and building.)

NRS (Behab-18
Certificates)

State of Arkansas
Department of Education
Little Rock

July 21, 1936

Contest

Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mrs. Curtis Stout, who worked with us in the beautification contest, is out of Little Rock for a week and we do not have all the data for the report on white schools.

We know eighteen counties were represented. The winner of first place in improvement was the Lonoke Elementary School, Lonoke, Arkansas, James B. Abraham, Principal, Lonoke, Arkansas.

The winner of first place in beauty, etc., was Pulaski Heights Grammar School, Little Rock, Arkansas, Miss Flora Cohen, Principal, 800 Louisiana Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Libraries may be shipped them at any time. We will need eighteen Certificates of Award for the white schools. Please mail them directly to us. The other data will be sent you next week. Under separate cover, I am sending you reports and pictures of the winning schools.

Very truly yours,

Nolen M. Irby
Nolen M. Irby, Supervisor
Colored Schools

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NKS (Rehab)

State of Arkansas
Department of Education
Little Rock

Contest

July 21, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Awards in the Improvement and Beautification
Contest, colored, were:

Rosenwald Elementary Libraries:

Friendship School, Conway County
Mc Nabb School, Hempstead County

Rosenwald High School Libraries:

Holly Grove, Monroe County
Rosston, Nevada County

All-State Awards:

Lincoln School, Fayetteville, Arkansas
Mc Gehee School, Mc Gehee, Arkansas

These should be shipped directly to me at
the State Department of Education to insure safe delivery.

Very truly yours,

Nolen M. Irby
Nolen M. Irby,
Supervisor Colored Schools

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Joseph C.
Wright

Showing part of
planting.

White

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Dorseyth Co.

Waukegan
This shows a part of
plants at far corner of
ground. also terrace
which was padded and
young trees.

White

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Forsyth Co.

Wrightstown
This shows barabae
fields across street
from school. Fields on
two levels with
terrace between.

White

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Boswell Co.

Naughton

White

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Borsay & Co.

Waukegan

This part of ground was
graded & sowed - grass.

Terraces were laid off to
stop erosion.

White

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UNIVERSITY

NRS (Rebat.)

State of Arkansas
Department of Education
Little Rock

July 30, 1936

Contest

Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Sent

Dear Mr. Smith:

We herewith submit report of the contest in Beautification and Improvement of School Plants among white schools.

A total of eighteen counties reported a total of 180 schools, with 3,000 children participating. The total expenditures amounted to \$115,661.75.

ALL-STATE AWARDS

1. Lonoke School, J. B. Abraham, Principal, Lonoke, Arkansas, most improvement.
2. Pulaski Heights Grammar School, Miss Flora L. Cohen, Principal, Little Rock, Arkansas, most attractive, etc.

Mrs. Curtis H. Stout, 334 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Centennial Chairman, Arkansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, was the prime mover in this contest. I hope you will take time to write her a letter voicing your personal appreciation of her interest.

We will need nineteen honor roll certificates for the white schools winning first place in the different counties. Two of these certificates are for second place winners in the state contest. Kindly send the certificates directly to me. They will be presented at a state wide meeting early in the fall. This plan will give valuable publicity.

We have mailed you reports from the two winning schools.

Very truly yours,

Nolen M. Irby
Nolen M. Irby,
Supervisor Colored Schools

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ARKANSAS
UNIVERSITY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Report of Improvement and Beautification

of

SCHOOL PLANTS

1935—1936

SCHOOL Johnson White, Colored COUNTY McClain
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: New Barn, Repaired Roofs, and all stained. Toilets, Barn,
Coal House, Pipe Fence painted, Calcimine walls, floors oiled.
New poultry house, Coal house. Moved and repaired pipe fence,
painted. Estimated cost \$ 1200.00

2. Grounds: Terraced, built rock post, 2" pipe between. Flagstone
stone walks to all buildings - set 61 Trees, 168 Shrubs, 72 Bulbs,
20 roses, Rock Garden, Graveled parking area. 2 basket ball court
soft ball court, area set to grass, graded, rubbish removed.
Garbage burner (rock), playground Estimated cost \$
equipment - 4 swings, 4 swings ring, 4 horizontal bars, ladder,
all permanent, built of pipe & see-saws Steel Giant Stride, Steel
Ocean Wave.
3. Equipment: Varnished Desk, 10 sets reading books, 2 new maps,
8 Standard Magazines, 25 New Books, 6 New Pictures Built-in
shelves for books. Desks arranged for proper light and height.
Primary material, 4-H Club Charts and Demonstration Material.

Estimated cost \$ 400.00

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 2505.08
5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ 36.00
6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ 1383.08
7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 1086.40

Filled in by George Nemecek Principal or teacher

Address Furcell, Oklahoma Date April 17, 1936

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NRS (Rehab)



State of Mississippi

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION, SCHOOL BUILDING SERVICE
JACKSON

J. S. VANDIVER,
SUPERINTENDENT
W. G. ECKLES,
DIRECTOR
W. E. CAMPBELL,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Contest

July 31, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Because of the fact that Mr. Eason is still getting reports on schools in the Rosenwald School Plant Contest, he has not been able to select winners and make his report to you.

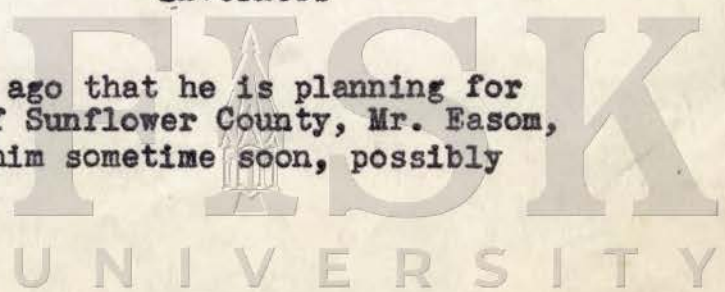
I have selected winners in the white schools and have been waiting to report this to you until we could report all together, but it seems that it may be a week or so before Mr. Eason will be able to make a report.

The Inverness Consolidated School in Sunflower County was selected by the Committee as the school having the best school plant of any school in the contest. The Glendale School in Alcorn County is the school selected as having made the most progress in improvements to the school plant during the past year. The list of the county winners follows:

	<u>School making greatest progress in past year</u>	<u>School having best plant</u>
Alcorn	Glendale <i>J. F. Dalton, Corinth</i>	
Attala	Sallis	Ethel
Benton	Rogers Hill	
Chickasaw	Houlka	
Coahoma	Lula-Rich	Friars Point
Copiah	Gallman	Georgetown
DeSoto	Eudora	Horn Lake
Itawamba	Fairview	
Leake	Walnut Grove	
Neshoba	Bloomo	County Line
Sunflower		Inverness
Wayne	Strengthford	

R.M. Yarborough
Indianola

Mr. Vandiver told me a few days ago that he is planning for Superintendent R.M. Yarborough of Sunflower County, Mr. Eason, and me to go to Nashville with him sometime soon, possibly





State of Mississippi

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

the latter part of next week for a conference with some people in Peabody concerning the improvement of his Negro schools.

Just as soon as I can possibly get to it, I will be glad to write a statement concerning the fine work done in the Beautification Contest for the white schools. I know Mr. Eason will be glad to do the same thing for the Negro schools.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. G. Eckles
W. G. Eckles, Director
School Building Service

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State of Mississippi

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DIVISION OF NEGRO EDUCATION

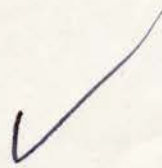
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J. S. VANDIVER,
SUPERINTENDENT

P. H. EASOM,
STATE AGENT

J. A. TRAVIS,
ASSISTANT STATE AGENT

September 22, 1936



Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

We had a total number of 241 schools making application for entry in the contest. We had 95 of these schools to make a final report. These 95 schools reported a total expenditure of \$24,247.56.

It is my opinion that at least 1,000 schools made material improvements of their school plants during the past year. I am also reasonably certain that there was a total expenditure of something like \$35,000 on such improvements. These achievements were made in the face of great handicaps, such as a change of administration, shortening of school terms, and the closing out of some schools.

I am unable at the present time to make any suggestions for the improvement of this contest in our state. It seems to fit our needs quite well, and it is stimulating our school people to do a good deal of improvement on their school plants. As we go along I think that the negro schools will take a larger and larger interest in it. One suggestion is that we have an increase in the number of prizes. If something like one-half dozen prizes could be offered I believe the stimulation would be greater.

Cordially yours,

P. H. Easom
State Agent

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State of Mississippi

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DIVISION OF NEGRO EDUCATION

JACKSON

August 19, 1936

J. S. VANDIVER,
SUPERINTENDENT

P. H. EASOM,
STATE AGENT

J. A. TRAVIS,
ASSISTANT STATE AGENT

Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

The winners in the State Plant Improvement and Beautification Contest are as follows:

County

Name of School

Alcorn	Corinth Colored
Attala	Attala County Training
Coahoma	Flowers
Claiborne	Romola
Clay	Mounger
Choctaw	Choctaw County Training
Copiah	Egypt Hill
Covington	South Side
Harrison	Biloxi Colored
Hinds	Lake Church
Holmes	Saints Industrial
Humphreys	Humphreys County Training
Jefferson	Hickory Block
Jeff. Davis	Mount Zion Vocational
Jones	Sandy Gavin
Lauderdale	Clarke Line
Leake	Leake County Training
Leflore	Sidon Colored
Lincoln	Lincoln County Training
Lowndes	Anderson Grove
Monroe	Stovall
Montgomery	Montgomery County Training
Oktibbeha	Rock Hill
Pike	Pike County Training
Simpson	New Hymn
Stone	Pine Grove
Scott	Five Prong
Sunflower	Indianola Colored
Sharkey	Anguilla
Tallahatchie	Tallahatchie County Training
Walthall	Magee's Creek
Washington	Leland Colored
Winston	Noxapater Colored
Warren	Magnolia Avenue High
Yazoo	Yazoo County Training

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Jackson, Mississippi

Mr. S. L. Smith

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In this contest we had a total of 48 counties participating out of the 82, with 286 schools.

The school that has the best plant is the Coahoma County Training School, Prof. J. B. Wright, Clarksdale, Mississippi, Principal. This school should get the library on the basis of the best plant.

The school that made the greatest amount of improvement is the Sidon Colored School, Prof. J. D. Montgomery, Sidon, Mississippi, Principal. This school should get the library on the basis of having made the most improvement. This school has made marvelous improvements during the past year. At that school there was built a teachers' home, sanitary toilets, a poultry house, a barn, electric lights installed, flowers and shrubberies put out around the buildings, library built up, etc.

The contest this year has been a decided improvement over last year, in spite of many handicaps. A change of administration, with a large number of changes in county superintendents, plus a shortened school term, have tended to offset our progress; but in spite of all these things the schools have made a great deal of progress during the year.

Photographs of the two winning schools are enclosed herewith.

Cordially yours,



P. H. Eason
State Agent

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Enclosures

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W. E. JAMES,
FIRST ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT

EDGAR ELLEN WILSON,
SECOND ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT

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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

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ASSISTANT DIRECTORS
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STATE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

L. A. WOODS, STATE SUPERINTENDENT
AUSTIN, TEXAS

September - 1936

PAUL G. HAINES,
AGRICULTURE

LILLIAN PEEK,
HOME ECONOMICS

RAY MARTIN,
INDUSTRIAL

J. J. BROWN,
REHABILITATION

W. A. STIGLER,
CURRICULUM

J. C. MATTHEWS,
CURRICULUM AND
TEXTBOOKS

J. FRED HORN,
SCHOOL PLANT

GORDON WORLEY,
SPECIAL SUPERVISOR

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CERTIFICATION

JOHN OLSEN,
CENSUS

1935 - 1936
SUMMARIZED REPORT OF TEXAS ROSENWALD SCHOOL PLANT IMPROVEMENT CONTEST
STATE - TEXAS

NUMBER SCHOOLS ENTERING	(white)	203	(colored)	151
NUMBER COUNTIES ENTERING	(white)	36	(colored)	24

Below are listed closest estimates obtainable from Deputy Superintendents' reports on Contest:

1. BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT.....\$3,460,265
2. GROUNDS.....34,500
3. TOTAL VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS MADE.....\$3,494,765
4. VALUE OF ABOVE IMPROVEMENTS FROM PUBLIC FUNDS.....\$2,207,220
5. ESTIMATE OF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM P.W.A. ...\$1,253,045
6. TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING WORK DAY PROGRAMS.....2,791
7. CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN WORK PROGRAMS.....
AND IMPROVEMENT WORK.....

P.T.A.
Jeanes Club
Missionary Societies
Progressive Club
Civic Betterment Clubs

4-H Clubs
N.F.A. Organizations
Mothers' Clubs
Heroine Lodge
Farmers' Improvement Association

STATE WINNERS IN 1935-1936 CONTEST
Schools Reporting Most Improvement During The Year:

WHITE

White Oak School, Gregg County, Longview, Texas
Miss Cora Mackey, County Superintendent
Mr. W. O. Mathis, Principal
Route #4

COLORED

Shiloh Rural Negro School
Gregg County, Longview, Texas, Box 543
Miss Cora Mackey, County Superintendent
Mr. D. M. Brown, Principal

BEST RURAL SCHOOLS REGARDLESS OF TIME

WHITE

No special designation

Cannot designate any particular school as
being the best, but the committee recommends

COLORED

Cannot designate any particular
School, but Committee recommends
that the library be given to
Anderson County, to be placed by

W. E. JAMES,
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TEXAS, ROSENWALD SCHOOL PLANT IMPROVEMENT CONTEST, REPORT #2.

that the library be awarded to Gregg County for its outstanding work in School Plant Improvement and that the County Superintendent and County Board be empowered to place it in the school of the County which is most deserving and in need of it.

County Superintendent, A. J. Overton and his Jeanes Teacher, Miss Sophia Montgomery in the school most deserving of it, because of the fine work done by them in the improvement of their small negro school buildings.

COUNTY WINNING COLORED SCHOOLS

Name of School	Name of County	County Superintendent
Mt. Olive.....	Anderson.....	A. J. Overton, Palestine, Texas
Belton Colored.....	Bell.....	E. D. Johnston, Belton, Texas
Brushey.....	Brazos.....	Mrs. W. E. Neeley, Bryan, Texas
Macedonia.....	Bowie.....	L. H. Griffin, Boston, Texas
Center Point.....	Camp.....	O. E. Acker, Pittsburg, Texas
Shiloh.....	Gregg.....	Miss Cora Mackey, Longview, Texas
St. Holland.....	Grimes.....	M. B. Thomas, Anderson, Texas
Mason Springs.....	Harrison.....	Morton Smith, Marshall, Texas
Post Oak.....	Houston.....	John A. Long, Crockett, Texas
St. Paul.....	Hunt.....	W. W. Rogers, Greenville, Texas
Fairview.....	Lee.....	H. J. Hejtmancik, Giddings, Texas
Shiloh-St. Paul.....	Leon.....	C. R. Lacy, Centerville, Texas
New Zion.....	Marion.....	E. E. Justice, Jefferson, Texas
Long Branch.....	Milam.....	Guy Newton, Cameron, Texas
Morris County Training School.....	Morris.....	Mrs. Roy Moore, Daingerfield, Texas
Booker T. Washington.....	Montgomery.....	H. N. Anderson, Comroe, Texas
Midway.....	Madison.....	C. L. Farris, Madisonville, Texas
Jackson.....	Smith.....	R. S. Boulter, Tyler, Texas
Scott High School.....	Tyler.....	O. A. Riley, Woodville, Texas
Longbridge.....	Waller.....	Miss Jimmie Rene Ogg, Hempstead

Not enough White Schools' Reports completed to warrant a listing.

COMMITTEE:

D. B. Taylor
D. B. Taylor

L. A. Woods
L. A. Woods, Chairman - State Superintendent

Gordon Worley
Gordon Worley

J. Fred Horn
J. Fred Horn

P.S. Supdt. Woods has just informed me that P.M.A reports list has helped this year in constructing 477 buildings which have cost more than \$30,000,000
Gordon Worley

Contest

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

NRS (Rehab)

September
Twenty-two
1936

Mr. S. L. Smith, Director
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Referring to your letter of September 16, there is not much I can say of an encouraging nature about the contest for the improvement and beautification of school plants in Alabama during 1935-36.

A few counties did some good work in the way of repairing school-houses and grounds, but the majority of the counties were somewhat indifferent to the whole program.

Answering your questions in order, let me say: (1) The approximate number of colored schools which made some improvement and beautification last year was not more than twenty-five, and (2) the estimated cost of such improvements did not exceed \$15.00 each - a total of \$375.00.

Strange to say, I learned through authentic sources that one reason for such indifference to the contest was because every county which did not win a prize in the previous contest felt that there was no use in taking part last year, which leads me to observe that the offering of a state prize or prizes - without offering county prizes - is discouraging rather than stimulating to the movement.

We expect to continue the campaign next year, but shall try it on a somewhat different plan - shall offer county prizes in some material form to ascertain the value of such a procedure.

I think it entirely worthwhile to continue the observance of Rosenwald School Day Program in connection with the improvement and beautification of Negro schools to keep Mr. Rosenwald's name and the great work he did in the South fresh in the minds of people, if for no other reason.

Very sincerely yours,

J. S. Lambert
J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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M. D. COLLINS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS

State
Department of Education
Atlanta, Georgia

NRs (Rehab-
contest)

September 24, 1936.

Mr. S. L. Smith,
517 Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Since I handled the matter of the Improvement and Beautification Contest program last year which was sponsored by the Rosenwald Fund Mr. Dixon has asked me to give you a statement concerning the way the program went over last year, and some suggestions for a proposed set up in case the Rosenwald Fund decides to continue to sponsor such a program.

We have been successful to some degree in securing federal aid in labor and materials in Georgia for the past few years in improving school buildings and school grounds. There has been much disappointment among the Negro teachers and patrons over the failure to get more done due to the fact that they started out on the assumption that all they had to do was to make application for a project and it would be approved. The amount of skilled and unskilled labor on the relief rolls has been one of the major factors to be taken into consideration in planning an improvement program with federal aid.

I have just contacted the State WPA office and several of the district WPA offices in regard to a number of projects concerned with the improvement of Negro school buildings. I find that every district office already has more projects approved than they will be able to complete during this school year. Under such conditions I do not believe that it will be well to take in to account federal aid if you plan another program of improvement and beautification as it has been set up for the past few years. Most of the unskilled labor on the relief rolls in the state is now being used on a vast program, building farm to market roads.

We have some Rosenwald buildings in the state that are showing signs of age and lack of attention in the matter of up-keep. If the Rosenwald Fund wants to put on another program of improvement and beautification we would like very much to concentrate in Georgia on those buildings aid^{ed} by the Fund. A little financial

Page 2.

Mr. S. L. Smith

stimulus to cover one-third or one-half of the cost of the paint with the local community furnishing all of the labor would be a very fine enterprise. This would put the project in a very concrete and definite term and enable us to secure lasting benefits. The work might be limited to a few counties or to a few schools throughout the state where attention is most needed. I believe that we could secure enthusiastic cooperation on such a program.

Due to the fact that approximately thirty-five per cent of our County Superintendents change on the first of January it will be necessary to set up a program in those counties to either close up a project between now and the first of January or wait until after January to start the work with a new superintendent. As you know all new superintendents move very cautiously in regard to expenditures on Negro schools, and for that reason I think it best to concentrate on getting something done between now and January 1st.

These are my frank reactions to the situation as it relates itself to another contest sponsored by your Fund.

Cordially yours,



Robert L. Cousins,
Asst. Supervisor Negro Education.

RLC*W



NRS (Rehab.)

State of Arkansas
Department of Education
Little Rock

Contest

September 29, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

There are 1,307 Negro school buildings in the State of Arkansas with a value of \$3,461,325. In the Beautification Contest, 1935-36, 651 of these schools filed a formal report of improvements and beautification projects. These projects were valued at \$210,543.

In my opinion, more than 800 schools carried on projects and the total value of improvements, new equipment, etc., was more than \$225,000.

This generalized statement is necessary because of our lack of county supervision or of anyone else (except Jeanes teachers) to push such projects and get reports from them.

" The general effects upon the Negro schools of the contest have been excellent. There is a growing consciousness of community responsibility for maintaining attractive school plants. A fine secondary effect is that in many communities leading whites entered completely into beautification projects in Negro schools. "

Our plans for next year will not differ materially from last unless the Fund changes the procedure for us. We will continue to use the aid for prizes and attempt to get our reports all in for 1936-37.

Very truly yours,

Nolen M. Irby
Nolen M. Irby,
Supervisor Colored Schools

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ARKANSAS
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
RALEIGH

NRS (Rehab-
Contest)

Sept. 29, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith,
502 Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I inclose herewith report on the progress in Schoolhouse construction in North Carolina during the present year. I am including in it report of our Beautification contest and on a separate sheet am sending you list of the schools and the counties that should be awarded certificates.

As I wired you today, I am planning to leave for Texas Thursday night, if it is possible. It is my plan to go by Dallas, and return by another route. This will give me all day Saturday and Saturday night in Dallas. I shall go over to Austin Sunday afternoon.

Looking forward to seeing you, and with good wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,



W. F. Credle,
Director Schoolhouse Planning

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WINNERS IN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

1935-1936

1. Schools Winning First Prizes - Libraries:

Catawba County	-	Oxford (White)	<i>most improvement</i>
Anson	"	Ansonville (White)	<i>regardless of time</i>
Cleveland	"	County Training School (Colored)	<i>most imp.</i>
Pender	"	Rocky Point (Colored)	<i>regardless of time</i>

2. Schools Winning Certificates:

Anson County (Colored)	Salem School
Beaufort (White)	Pantego <i>most progress</i>
Brunswick (White)	Shallotte High School
" (Colored)	Chapel Road School
Buncombe (Colored)	Livingstone Street, Asheville
Columbus (Colored)	Farmers Union
Forsyth (White)	Waughtown
Gates (Colored)	Kee's Fork School
Guilford (White)	Edgeville
Harnett (White)	Benhaven <i>most progress</i>
Haywood <i>white</i>	Morning Star <i>most</i>
Hertford (Colored)	Ahoskie
Hoke (White)	Hoke High <i>most p.</i>
Mecklenburg (Colored)	Grier
" (White)	Alexander-Graham
Rockingham (White)	Franklin Street <i>most progress</i>
Rowan (Colored)	Price High School, Salisbury <i>most p.</i>
" (White)	John S. Henderson Elementary
Scotland (Colored)	Cool Springs

12 white
11 colored

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NASHVILLE

DIVISION OF NEGRO SCHOOLS

September 30, 1936

Source

Mr. S. L. Smith,
502 Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

In reply to your letter of September 22, relative to the Improvement and Beautification Contest for 1935-36, I wish to say that I am happy to make the following general statements:

From the knowledge of our staff of this Division, I feel that while only 472 schools were officially reported as having enrolled in the contest, that in all probability as many as 700 colored schools took part in the contest.

Taking into account new buildings that were completed during the year, I feel that as much as \$200,000 was spent on these new buildings and on improvement and beautification of old buildings in the State. This contest, as you will note by reading comparative figures for year before last and for last year, has given great impetus to the matter of building and improvement in Tennessee.

While we are all gratified at the large improvement made in outstanding situations in the State, we are even more pleased that the smaller schools with practically no resources are doing their bit to beautify the schools. As we go about the State we find many simple improvements made at this type of school.

We are glad to know that there will be aid available this year for the Rosenwald School Day Program in connection with the Improvement and Beautification of Negro Schools. We have talked this matter over, and feel that a program similar to the one in effect the past year will be satisfactory in Tennessee.

Yours sincerely,

W. E. Turner

W. E. Turner,
State Agent

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STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

NRS (Behab -
contest)

October 26, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Assuming that the School Improvement and Beautification Contest will be continued this year, I am making some change in our plans for Alabama, hoping it will develop more interest on the part of the elementary schools.

It occurs to me that, if the county training schools -- of which we have forty-four now -- be separated from the elementary schools and allowed to compete with one another, it will add much to the interest of the contest among the larger schools. Moreover, it will remove the handicap upon the elementary schools of having to compete with the larger type schools which enter the contest with a distinct advantage on account of having vocational departments trained in school repair and school ground landscaping. I hope you will approve of this plan and offer prizes accordingly -- one \$36 library for the best kept training school or high school and one for the elementary school making the greatest improvement during the year.

Nothing has occurred to stimulate beautification of high school grounds more than your offer of a \$36 library for the best kept school in the state. We now have several schools of that class whose grounds and general environment, I dare say, will compare favorably with anything in the South.

As soon as I get your approval of the foregoing plan, I want to get busy organizing the campaign for this year. So please do not delay a response to my suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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October 23, 1936

Dear Messrs. Eason and Eckles: In order to stimulate the improvement of rural schools the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund agrees to cooperate again this year with state and county officials in sponsoring a Contest on Improvement and Beautification of Rural School Plants for both white and colored schools, and is offering four well selected elementary library sets as prizes in the State Contest (two for white schools and two for colored schools) as follows: (1) One \$36.00 elementary library set will be awarded as first prize to the white school and one to the colored school making the greatest progress in improvement in buildings, grounds and equipment during the current year; and (2) one \$15.00 supplementary elementary library set will be awarded to the white school and one to the colored school rated second by the state judges in the Contest. Honor Roll Certificates will be awarded as in the past.

As conditions are somewhat different in the various states we are entirely willing to have each state set up its own plan for conducting the Contest, and are willing to furnish aid up to \$100.00 toward paying expenses of publication, etc., in stimulating the Contest. It will be left to the state officials to determine whether to extend the Contest to all schools of the state or to concentrated on a limited number of counties where each county superintendent would be willing to cooperate in a county-wide program of improvement.

We will continue to furnish the four-page pamphlet on Suggestions for Improvement and Beautification of School Plants, and would like to know at an early date about how many you will need as we can get much better prices by printing them in large quantities. We are also preparing a small bulletin on landscaping, giving a few carefully designed layouts and directions for planting trees, shrubs, etc., for school grounds. We hope to have this ready for publication within a short time and would like to know about how many of this bulletin you think you can use to advantage during the year.

In preparing the organization for the improvement program the state might find it very helpful to bring into active co-operation the garden clubs, highway departments and other state-wide organizations that are interested in beautifying rural areas. We shall be glad to have any suggestions you may have to offer on the Contest, and trust that your state will enter into the program enthusiastically for both white and colored schools.

SLS:MT

Messrs. P. H. Eason and W. G. Eckles
State Department of Education
Jackson, Mississippi

Sincerely yours,

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M. D. COLLINS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS

State
Department of Education
Atlanta, Georgia

NRS (Rehab.)
Contest

Contest

November 2, 1936.

Mr. S. L. Smith,
517 Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

For the past two years the contest on "Improvement and Beautification of Rural School Plants for Colored Schools" has been open to all the schools in the state. Practically all of the work has been done in counties where we have had Jeanes supervisors to help with the program. It is almost impossible for us to put over a program like this unless there is someone in the county who can devote time to sponsoring the program. Most of the Jeanes supervisors have been very cooperative in this matter and have devoted quite a bit of time to the contest during the past two years. Of course, all of our supervisors stress improvement of buildings and grounds year in and year out whether there is any regular organized contest program or not.

Five counties in Georgia have Jeanes work for the first time this year. Would it be possible for us to concentrate on these five counties? Of course, we would like to furnish information about landscaping and general improvements on buildings and grounds to all the schools in the state interested this year. We note that two libraries will be available for prizes totaling an expenditure of \$51.00. We also note that the Fund might be able to help in a limited way on other expenses incidental to sponsoring the contest. We would be able to handle the necessary expense in regard to the getting out of material on this contest to every school in these five counties. Would it be possible, then, for you to give us five of the supplementary elementary library sets which will make it possible for the winning school in each one of these five counties to receive a nice prize?

We will be glad to receive five hundred pamphlets on suggestions for Improvement and Beautification of School Plants, and five hundred bulletins on landscaping.

Please let me have your frank reaction to our proposal to the contest for 1936-37.

Cordially yours,

J. C. Dixon,
Supervisor Negro Education.

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NRS (Rehab
Contest)

A. J. OVERTON, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
ANDERSON COUNTY

PALESTINE, TEXAS

November 14, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
Southern Office
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

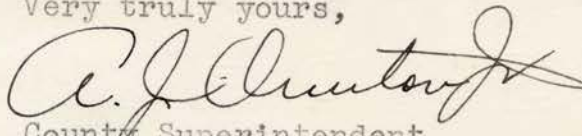
Dear Sir:

I am very sorry that you have not received the necessary information before this time concerning the free library set to be sent to Anderson County. I wrote Mr. Worley several weeks ago giving him this information.

The School selected is the Green Bay District #7 of Anderson County. Since this school is 12 miles from town with no freight delivery, it would be better if you will send the library set to my office. They can then call for it at their convenience.

Thanking you very sincerely for your kind interest and assuring you of our appreciation of the work the Rosenwald Fund is doing, I remain

Very truly yours,


County Superintendent
Anderson County

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STATE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

L. A. WOODS, STATE SUPERINTENDENT
AUSTIN, TEXAS

November 17, 1936

PAUL G. HAINES,
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LILLIAN PEEK,
HOME ECONOMICS
RAY L. MARTIN,
INDUSTRIAL
J. J. BROWN,
REHABILITATION AND
CRIPPLED CHILDREN
W. A. STIGLER,
CURRICULUM
J. C. MATTHEWS,
CURRICULUM AND
TEXTBOOKS
J. FRED HORN,
SCHOOL PLANT
GORDON WORLEY,
SPECIAL SUPERVISOR
C. L. KUYKENDALL,
CERTIFICATION
JOHN OLSEN,
CENSUS

Mr. S. L. Smith, Director
Southern Office, Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

I received your letter of November 13th, and have just had a conference with State Superintendent Woods relative to school plant improvement work in Texas for this year. He is strongly of the opinion that we should attempt school plant improvement with both the white and colored groups. Mr. Horn had, however, felt that maybe we ought to confine the work to the Negro group. However, I feel that we will be able to work out a plan whereby we can get better results with the white groups than we were able to get last year.

I feel your plan to have a general uniform set of applications and reports printed, to fit all states, is a good one from the stand point of economy, and I see no drawback to it from any other standpoint. Relative to the plans for the contest, permit me to say that in the main the general plan meets our needs. But as you will see on page #4 of the enclosed bulletin, bearing on our last year's contest, under the heading of "The Judges of the Contest", we differ considerably from the general plan. It is necessary because of our set up with Deputy Supervisory Districts.

I am returning the forms you sent us with notations as to the number we should like printed for Texas.

State Superintendent Woods, as well as myself, appreciate very much the fine support and stimulus given by you and the Rosenwald Fund.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Worley

Gordon Worley, Director
Division of Negro Education

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M. D. COLLINS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS

State
Department of Education
Atlanta, Georgia

December 14, 1936

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. Dixon has told me about the telephone conversation he had with you some days ago in which you indicated that you would make it possible for each of the five new Jeanes counties to receive a \$15.00 supplementary elementary library in case they decided to put on the Beautification and Improvement Contest. I had a talk with the supervisors of these five counties last week and they are very anxious to start the program the first week in January and let it run until the first of April. We have decided to use some new standards set up by the state as a basis for the contest. I am enclosing herewith these two sets of standards. Just as soon as I hear from you confirming this arrangement I will work up the necessary instructions to be released to these five counties. We will furnish the standards from our office but we will ask you to supply us with bulletins entitled "Suggestions for Improvement and Beautification of Rural School Plants", a copy of which is being attached to this letter.

We propose to open up the regular Beautification and Improvement Contest on a state-wide basis such as your outlined in your previous letter. We will use the same standards and follow the same general procedure as will be followed in the five new Jeanes counties.

Please let me have your reactions to the proposed set-up for our contest in Georgia for this school year. After I hear from you I will then proceed to work up the necessary materials and distribute them over the state.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Cousins
Robert L. Cousins,
Asst. Supervisor Negro Education

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M. D. COLLINS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS

State
Department of Education
Atlanta, Georgia

April 29, 1937

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Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

In order to stimulate the improvement and beautification of rural school plants in the five counties in Georgia, namely, Baldwin, Candler, Clay, Quitman, and Twiggs, where there is Jeanes work being carried on for the first time you agreed to give to the winning school in each county a \$15.00 Rosenwald Elementary Library. I'm sending herewith reports on these schools so that the libraries can be shipped to the persons designated at an early date.

County - Baldwin
Winning School - Walker's Chapel
Address - Milledgeville, Georgia
Name of Principal - Flora Brown
No. Pupils - 55
No. Teachers - 1
Ship library to - Mrs. Odalie N. Jackson, Jeanes Supervisor,
Milledgeville, Georgia

County - Candler
Winning School - Bird Jr. High
Address - Pulaski, Georgia
Name of Principal - H. T. Jones
No. Pupils - 170
No. Teachers - 4
Ship library to: Miss Theresa B. Adams, Jeanes Supervisor,
Claxton, Georgia

County - Quitman
Winning School - Midway
Address - Morris Station, Georgia
Name of Principal - Mrs. Barrie L. Byrd
No. Pupils - 123
No. Teachers - 2
Ship library to: Miss Thelma B. Brown, Jeanes Supervisor,
Fort Gaines, Georgia

County - Clay
Winning School - Springfield
Address - Route 1, Coleman, Georgia
Name of Principal - Miss Hattie B. Lee
No. Pupils - 78
No. Teachers - 2

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Mr. S. L. Smith
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Ship library to - Miss Thelma B. Brown, Jeanes Supervisor,
Fort Gaines, Georgia

County - Twiggs
Winning School - Faulk
Address - Jeffersonville
Name of Principal - Miss Calhoun
No. Pupils - 118
No. Teachers - 2
Ship library to - Mrs. Mary L. Josey, Jeanes Supervisor,
Jeffersonville, Georgia

The above five mentioned counties have done very little in Negro education but I believe that this contest this year will be the beginning of better things for the Negro schools in these respective counties. In one sense of the word there is very little to show in pictures for what has been accomplished because the buildings are very poor.

At a later date I will send you reports with pictures on the winning schools in the state contest. It was understood here in Georgia that the schools in the above mentioned five counties would not be eligible for one of the state prizes.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Cousins

Robert L. Cousins, Director
Division Negro Education

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Ward 1
FELIX F. NOBILE
Paulina, La.

Ward 2
MICHEL KELLER
Convent, La.

Ward 3
EDW. J. ROME
Convent, La.

Ward 4
VILLERE LOUVIERE
Union, La.

GEO. P. MEADE, President
Gramercy, La.

E. L. ROUSSEL, Superintendent
Lutcher, La.

Ward 5
W. A. POIRRIER
Lauderdale, La.
Ward 6
CHAS. A. BECNEL
Lagan, La.
Ward 7
JOS. WAGUESPACK
Vacherie, La.
Ward 8
LOUIS BRAZON, Jr.
Vacherie, La.
Ward 9
GEO. P. MEADE
Gramercy, La.

ST. JAMES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Lutcher, La.
May 23, 1937

Mr. A. C. Lewis,
State Department of Education,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am enclosing reports on improvements and beautification of the colored schools in St. James Parish.

Gramercy Colored came out first. Will forward pictures as soon as I can get them.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

W. J. Bordelon

W. J. Bordelon, Supervisor
St. James Parish Schools

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Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Gramercy ^{Colored} White, Colored COUNTY St. James Parish.
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: The building was painted and repaired on the
outside. One new room was added.

Estimated cost \$

2. Grounds: Evergreen trees planted 24. Cedar trees 15.
Weeping Willow 1. 315 feet of hedges planted around
the fence and buildings. Bananatrees 2.

Estimated cost \$ 18.75

3. Equipment: Charts, Library Books, Dictionary, Hektograph,
Basket Balls, Suits, and Goals, Screen, Window Shades,
Window Panes Thermometer, Pencil Sharpener, Black
Board Paint and Posters.

Estimated cost \$ 62.37

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 1987.71
5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ 200
6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ 1,787.71
7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 81.12

Filled in by Jamer Cooper Jackson Principal or teacher

Address Lutcher, La. Date April 21, 1937

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

STATE OF _____

Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Central ☒ White, Colored
(Underscore one) COUNTY St. James

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: 1 Whitewashed Fench, Gate Trees. (2)
Reconstructed. Cabinets for Coats and hats.

Estimated cost \$ 6.00
2. Grounds: Planted 10 Cedar Trees and 7
Evergreen trees on school grounds
Plant Rose bushes and hedges around
School

Estimated cost \$ 2.00
3. Equipment: (3) Standard Achievement Chart
1-Primary Reading Chart. 14 Flower
pots. 3 horse Saddles, Basket ball &
Wally Ball eqpt. set

Estimated cost \$ 64.88
70.00
4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 72.88
5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ None
6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ None
7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 72.88

Filled in by H. R. Darville Principal or teacher

Address Central Date April 12, 1937

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

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STATE OF Louisiana

Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL St. Louis ☒ White, ☐ Colored
(Underscore one) COUNTY St. James

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

- Building: Arranged for office - Domestic Science Room.
(put in window glasses) - put up cistern - Run water to
domestic science room. made arrangements for electric lights
white washed pillars of school. tiled floor.
Repaired steps 7/4/37 Estimated cost \$ 27.50
- Grounds: Drainage ditched - white washed fence, put in new cistern.
Laid brick walk in our house. planted rose bushes.
Repaired part of fence, cut grass. Filled ditches.
Bought back for gates. Estimated cost \$ 20.40
- Equipment: Two built Century Dictionary. Reading chart, adding
machine. news papers, magazine, professional & current.
Basket - ball - Sled table - Maps - Brownies.
Drawn of oil - plan to purchase Library - professional
books. Estimated cost \$ 91.00
- Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 138.90
- Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$
- Amount of aid received from government funds \$
- Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 15.50

Filled in by M. A. Edwards Principal or teacher

Address Welsome, La Date April 20 1937

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

STATE OF Louisiana

Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Baytree White, Colored COUNTY St. James
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: _____

Estimated cost \$ _____

2. Grounds: _____

Estimated cost \$ _____

3. Equipment: Primary Chart + Equipment

#5.68. Work and Do Books #4.98

Fitting up hat and Cloak room

#2.50 Basket-ball court #4.00

Estimated cost \$ 17.00

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 17.00

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ _____

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ _____

7. Amount contributed by School in labor, material and money \$ 17.00

Filled in by M. C. Weber Principal or teacher

Address Lagan, La. Date 4/21/37

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

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STATE OF Louisiana

Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Cedar Grove White, Colored COUNTY St. James
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: 24 window Panes, putty, nails, paint
2 cabinets, varnish, steps and toilets repaired,
door locks, Kitchen painted, petition repaired
Estimated cost \$ 35

2. Grounds: garage rolled on school grounds,
trees trimmed, hedges cut, grass cut,
hedges planted
Estimated cost \$ 5

3. Equipment: Reading charts, kitchen curtains,
Kitchen stove, cretonne for cloak
room and book cases, shears repaired
and sharpened, stove pipes (heaters), lamps,
Estimated cost \$ 40

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 80

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ 6.70

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ 0

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 1.50 ^{73.30}

Filled in by M.M. Darmis Principal or teacher

Address St. James P.O., La. Date April 19, 1937

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

STATE OF Louisiana

Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Magnolia White, Colored COUNTY St. James
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: 2 locks for doors, sash fasteners, Brooms,
Pipes for heater, Cretonne for curtain,
Paint for inside of school building, cab-
inets, and Picture Frames Estimated cost \$ 39.85
2. Grounds: Flower Plants, 4 doz., Lawn-
mower, Basket ball outfit, Funds
raised for workshop, line for white-
washing fences, Toilet Estimated cost \$ 61.05
3. Equipment: Cooking Stove for Home Ec. Room,
Chart for 1st. Grade

Estimated cost \$ 13.50

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 114.40
5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ None
6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ None
7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 114.40

Filled in by Philomene Hebert Principal or teacher

Address Vacherie, Louisiana Date 4/22/37.

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

STATE OF

Louisiana

Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL

Burton LaneWhite, Colored
(Underscore one)

COUNTY

St. James Parish

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building:

Benevolent Hall

Estimated cost \$

2. Grounds:

Replanted hedges & roses
Built a coal house. Made
two window boxes for flowers
and bought a flag Repaired two gates, the
fence

Estimated cost \$

3. Equipment:

Bought another wall
chart. Received health bulletins
and pamphlets from Metropolitan Insurance

Estimated cost

\$ 8.65

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment

\$ 8.65

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds

\$ none

6. Amount of aid received from government funds

\$ none

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money

\$ 8.65

Filled in by

Berlab Landry

Principal or teacher

Address

Hymel La.

Date

April 19, 1935

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Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Cypres Grove White, Colored COUNTY St. James
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: Added window panes and Locks
Deposited \$100.00 in St. James bank for improvements
t o be made on building in near future

Estimated cost \$103.60
 2. Grounds: Added flowers and shrubbery and graded portions
of grounds

Estimated cost \$ 5.00
 3. Equipment: Repaired Blackboards, bought stove pipe, Stan-
dard acheivment charts, volley ball, basketball, boys
basketball suits, Kitchen utensils, pressure cooker &
eeeler, brooms, mops, and built flower boxes, sand tables
bulletin racks

Estimated cost \$ 61.40
 4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 170.00
 5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ 15.00
 6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ _____
 7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 155.00
- Filled in by Jesse Guinn Jr. Principal or teacher
- Address Lutcher, Louisiana Date 4/19/37

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

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STATE OF Louisiana

Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Shell Mound White, Colored COUNTY St. James
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: Replacement of fifty window panes; -
Water faucet; - Flower Boxes; - Repaired front
porch

Estimated cost \$ 8.50

2. Grounds: New fence surrounding school; -
Flower Garden; - Planting of six trees; - New
Privy pits;

Estimated cost \$ 29.50

3. Equipment: One Primary Chart; - Bulletin Board;
School bell; - Basketball Outfit; - State Maps;
Painting of teacher's desks; - Eight story books and one
Volume Library added to Library; ^{Pencil Sharpener}

Estimated cost \$ 18.18

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 56.18

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ —

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ —

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 56.18

Filled in by Jesse D. David, Jr. Principal or teacher

Address R. F. D. 2 Box 177 - Vacherie, La Date 4/16/37

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

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NRS (Rehab.
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Box 114
Donaldsonville, La.
May 24, 1937.

Mr. A. C. Lewis
Department of Education
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

About six weeks ago I mailed you a complete report of the beautification program in Ascension Parish. I am indeed sorry the report was not received.

I am enclosing in this letter another report of each school in Ascension Parish showing improvements made and prizes awarded.

Yours very truly,

T. L. Connor

T. L. Connor

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Box 114
Donaldsonville, La.
May 12, 1937.

Mr. A. C. Lewis,
Department of Education,
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The purpose of this letter is to
acknowledge receipt of your letter with reference
to the state beautification contest.

I am enclosing with application
pictures of the high school building and campus.
One picture was taken before improvements were
made, the others were taken after making im-
provements.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

Thelma L. Connor

- *Lowery Training: Painted interior, white washed fence and outhouses, filled in low places on campus, replaced broken windows, lumber for general repairs, shades, equipment, flowers.
- *Gonzales: Ceiled building, one new outhouse, white washed and painted buildings and outhouses, built walks, planted flowers.
- *Marchand: Fenced in school, painted exterior of building, built walks, repaired outhouses, planted flowers, filled in holes on campus, bought shades.
- Smith: New fence, drinking water, window shades, outhouses, equipment, flowers, walks.
- Sorrento: Painted exterior of building, rebuilt outhouses, shades, lumber for reading center, two new doors for building, equipment.
- Modeste: Outhouses, shades, gate, repaired fence.
- Port Vincent: Stained seats, painted building, built one outhouse, white washed outhouse.
- Prairieville: Stained and varnished seats, shades, two gates, repaired and white washed outhouses, industrial equipment, painted office, repaired furniture.
- Dutchtown: Bought shades, machines, repaired and white washed outhouses, white washed fence, teaching equipment, replaced broken window sashes.
- Aben: Repaired fence, bought cooler.
- Darrow: White washed building, replaced broken glasses, bought shades, repaired and white washed outhouses.

*Stars indicate schools awarded parish prizes.

Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Lowery White, Colored COUNTY Ascension
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: Painted interior; replaced broken window
panes, built stage in chapel.

Estimated cost \$ 82.00

2. Grounds: Hauled dirt for low places; white washed out
houses and fence; planted flowers and trees; built
wood walk all around building.

Estimated cost \$ 17.00

3. Equipment: Window shades in all rooms; purchased complete
equipment for science course; purchased \$75.00 equip-
ment for manual training; bought stove for home ec-
onomic department; built display cabinet for home ec-
onomic dept.; put up black boards where needed;
purchased office set consisting
of: (see attached page) Estimated cost \$ 820.00

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 919.00

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ 174.00

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 735.00

Filled in by Cesar B. Rizer, Jr. Principal or teacher

Address Box 11, Belle Alliance Date May 12, 1937.

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

LOWERY TRAINING SCHOOL DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

Equipment continued:

4 drawer files, 1 typewriter, 1 true copy duplicator, 1 desk and chair set, 6 chairs, 5 black boards, 1 table; 1 basket ball outfit; 1 tennis outfit; drinking water supply; 1 library room and equipment for same; 2 home economic tables (regular); 2 sets dishes; standard achievement chart for each teacher; 2 daily newspapers; 3 weekly newspapers; 10 monthly magazines; 1 study room for teachers; stage in auditorium; curtain for stage in auditorium; painted tables and chairs in home economic room; 1 set of The Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Gonzales White, Colored COUNTY Ascension
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: Ceiled and painted building (church).Estimated cost \$ 63.002. Grounds: Built walk, outhouses, planted flowers, filled
in holes on campus.Estimated cost \$ 3.003. Equipment: Standard achievement charts, blackboards,
tables and benches.Estimated cost \$ 12.004. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 78.00

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ _____

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ _____

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 78.00

Filled in by _____ Principal or teacher

Address _____ Date _____

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

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Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Marchand White, Colored COUNTY Ascension
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: Painted exterior

Estimated cost \$ 35.00

2. Grounds: Planted flowers, built walks, filled in
holes.

Estimated cost \$ 5.00

3. Equipment: Standard achievement charts, shades,
magazines, tables.

Estimated cost \$ 10.00

4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 50.00

5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ _____

6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ _____

7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 50.00

Filled in by _____ Principal or teacher

Address _____ Date _____

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

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M. D. COLLINS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS

State
Department of Education

Atlanta, Georgia

May 31, 1937

*Mrs. (Rehab.)
Contest*

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Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

The enclosed statement indicates that 430 schools in sixteen counties participated in the Contest on Improvement and Beautification of Rural School Plants in Georgia during the 1936-37 term. No final report was submitted from Henry County since the supervisor and the superintendent did not feel that any one school had done outstanding work. This means that we will need fifteen certificates for county winners and two certificates for first and second place in the state.

The first place in the state contest goes to the Girard School in Burke County. I am enclosing pictures to indicate the improvements made in revamping the school building and beautifying the grounds. The total cost of improvements on this project was \$1,500 with the Negroes in the community raising \$600. This represents a tremendous effort on the part of Negro patrons in a community populated to a large degree by tenant farmers. Since the school was erected it has been decided to employ a teacher of vocational agriculture to be principal. A vocational shop will be erected during the summer. Please note from the pictures that emphasis has been given at the Girard school to the care of the grounds. Special attention has been given to this feature throughout Burke County. Please ship a Rosenwald Library #1 to Mrs. E. B. Jackson, Jeanes Supervisor of Burke County, Waynesboro, Georgia. Mrs. Jackson will deliver this prize to this rural school.

Second place in the state contest goes to Brinson School, Decatur County, Brinson, Georgia. This school erected a vocational shop, purchased a piano, secured furniture for the principal's room, and bought material for the curtain for the stage. The total amount spent at the school this year was \$1,052 and the students, teachers, and patrons contributed the remaining \$687. The improvements at the school this year have attracted the attention of the State Department of Education to the extent that a teacher of agriculture will be employed at the school for the coming year. The school's agricultural project this year consisted of two acres of cotton and two acres of corn. It is expected that this project will show a profit which will be expended on further improvements

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Mr. S. L. Smith
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at the school. A picture of this school will be sent you for your files soon. Please ship a Rosenwald Library #2 to Miss Lillian E. Williams, Home Demonstration Agent, Bainbridge, Georgia, who will deliver the prize to the school.

The above mentioned two schools are located in the open country. A great sacrifice has been made by the people in these two communities in order to improve educational conditions. The other counties participating in the contest made a good showing but it was felt that the two schools named as winners put forth more effort according to ability than other schools participating.

You mentioned in one of your letters two years ago when the contest program was started that one object in mind was to get the communities to take advantage of federal aid in improving school grounds and school plants. I wish to call your attention to the fact that no federal aid was obtained in any of the counties participating in the contest this year. Only about five counties in Georgia now have enough skilled labor on the relief rolls to put over a construction project. All of these counties are urban counties. It is true that some unskilled labor is on the relief rolls in many counties in Georgia but the State Highway Department is cooperating with the federal government in building a network of farm to market roads and practically all unskilled labor is being used on this state-wide project. This project will extend throughout next year, which means that we can hold out little hope of getting federal aid for school improvements in rural areas during the 1937-38 term.

We are confident that the contest program has produced good results in Georgia during the last three years. However, it will be increasingly difficult to enlist the cooperation of the counties on such a program next year. We expect to continue our stress on this improvement program next year working through farm and home demonstration agents, Jeanes Supervisors, and teachers of agriculture.

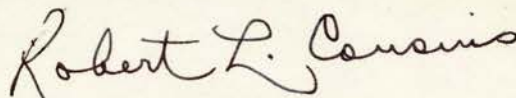
I was especially impressed with the Rosenwald Day bulletin issued from Oklahoma which stressed the construction of playground equipment. I've taken this matter up with Mr. J. M. Prance, our supervisor of school house construction, and he believes it will be possible to get out a little bulletin from the State Department of Education bearing on this point.

I'm enclosing herewith a picture I made last week at the Warm Springs Negro school. I made it early in the morning and didn't have my camera properly adjusted in order to show off the shrubs to the best advantage. You will notice, however, that the cement walk from the front steps to the road has been constructed. I wish to call your attention to the fact that the tool house at the school has been moved back from the building and reworked so that it can be used as a little shop for the boys. Mr. Peabody has just provided woodworking tools valued at over \$60. We hope to have the home economics department fully equipped and under the direction of a teacher with a degree in home economics by the time school opens next year.

Mr. S. L. Smith
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If there is any further information I can give you in regard to the contest please advise me. We appreciate so much the interest of the Rosenwald Fund in this program and I'm sure that the two winning schools will be very happy to receive the Rosenwald libraries.

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Cousins, Director
Division Negro Education

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SUMMARY OF CONTEST ON IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION OF RURAL PLANTS IN GEORGIA
1936-1937 TERM

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF SCHOOLS</u>	<u>NAME OF WINNING SCHOOL</u>
Baldwin	33	Walkers Chapel
Burke	78	Girard <i>1st prize - Library</i>
Candler	10	Bird Junior High
Clay	20	Springfield
Coweta	45	Forksville
Decatur	33	Brinson <i>2nd prize. Sup. Ed. Sch.</i>
DeKalb	14	Stone Mountain
Fulton	37	Little Grove
Henry	28	No final report submitted
Jenkins	29	Emma Lane
Peach	12	Powersville
Quitman	10	Midway
Twiggs	21	Faulk
Warren	27	Storm Branch
Webster	14	Shiloh
Wilkinson	19	Irwinton

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*NRS (Rehab.
Contest)*

Baton Rouge, La.
June 10, 1937

Mr. A.C. Lewis,
Dept. of Education
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing duplicates of reports made during the latter part of our school term in West Feliciana Parish. Some how, I felt that these reports had been sent you. I am clipping a sheet of the report made by the judges who visited the schools that competed in the school house and school ground beautification contest. From it you will see that although some of the schools entered the contest their improvement did not warrant listing by the judges.

I should say of Solitude school, that it was painted, the grounds were improved, a new entrance was made to the building, a new stove was purchased for domestic science room and the building and grounds were left in good condition. But on account of the bridges being down over the creek leading to the school, the judges could not get to it. They made the attempt but their car stuck in the mud and remained there for several hours.

The judges decided that Afton Villa ranked first, That Polk ranked second and that St. Peter ranked third in the contest. They stated that all schools were improved and beautified, but those listed were best, in order named.

Trusting that these duplicates will reach you in time.

Yours very truly,

M. N. Ringgold,

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Financial and Improvement Report.

School - Afton Villa
Session - 1936-1937

Major and minor objectives accomplished:

1. Bought 1 ton Coal
2. Equipped kitchen with curtains.
3. Equipped school with new window shades.
4. Raised money for educational aid.
5. Beautified campus with shrubbery.
6. Whitewashed fence posts and toilets.
7. Timely decorations in windows.
8. Polished stoves.
9. Repaired Toilets
10. Scrubbed building
11. Miscellaneous items

Total Amount Raised \$130.00

This money was expended
to accomplish major and minor objectives

Special days observed
with appropriate exercises.

Thanksgiving Day
Pre-Xmas program.

Negro History week
George Washington's birthday
Abraham Lincoln's birthday
Rosenwald day
Negro Health week
Pre-Easter egg hunt.

Jno. Morgan, Principal.
W. C. J. Walton, Assistant.

P.S.

Safety and good manners taught
daily.

Monthly Report (March)

Dear Supervisor:

Continuing our efforts toward a better Polk Rosenwald School we find ourselves in the midst of a better school and community relationship. There seems to be almost perfect harmony and a most full cooperation.

We have made flower beds and planted trees on the campus for which boxes have been made. We have

completed the rebuilding of the fence around the school after having purchased 80 rds. of wire. we have made two gates. we have whitewashed the fence and all gates. We have done some more grading and have started on a saw table. We were most ably assisted by the patrons in accomplishing this work on the morning of March 5th. The above work was dedicated to Mrs. Rosenwald. 16 patrons were present for the community work period toward school improvement and 45 were present at Rosenwald memorial program. Through an offering collected

at the program \$3.85 was devoted
for improvements.

A total of \$20.60 was accumulated
for school purposes for this month making
our total accumulation for the school
year thus far \$39.44

The closing of our school days
brings us closer to the accomplishing
of our desired ends.

Very respectfully submitted

G. W. Howard, Jr. & Asst.

Bains, La.

March 19, 1937

Mrs. M. N. Ringgold
Parish Supervisor of W. Feliciana Parish:

We the teachers of St. Peter School, Bains, La. Submit the following report of our 1) objectives, (2) achievements and improvements for the session of 1936--37.

On October---1937 we entered our present site and building full of zeal, ambitions and plans that we wished to accomplish.

Our General Objectives Were:

- I. Improving our school plant
- II. Making our school more home like, there by creating pupil interest.
- III. To Improve Health and Sanitary Conditions.
- IV. To Provide Suitable Work Books for Pupils of Various Grades.
- V. An Improvement in the Classification and teaching procedures by the grouping of classes and the use of units according to levels of abilities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Out comes of Objectives-----

1. Improving the School Plant

We began at the front gate by filling a water hole with a discarded stove that had outlived its purpose in the school room.

A new set of steps have been added to the front entrance of our church school and the back steps repaired. New shades adjusting the light conditions (ten in number) have been purchased and added toward improving the school. We have purchased, made and added four work-tables, one sand-table, and one book-case.

These we are proud to say have been constructed by the pupils in their purposeful activities around the school.

We have also provided for the safety of our school by adding a new protection for our floor under and around the heater.

II. Making our School More Homelike and Building Up Pupil Interests.

It has been our endeavor to create an atmosphere and attitude for maintaining the child's

attitude for enriching the child's experiences by the use of posters, seasonal window decorations, and the creative abilities of the children exhibited on the sand tables and etc. These exhibits have been the motivating and culminating activities of lessons.

Live specimens of birds, fish, and animals have been used for nature studies. Purposeful activities have been planned according to the interests and needs of the children which included, (1) carpentry, (2) cooking, (3) sewing (4) house cleaning, and (5) painting.

III. Improving Health and Sanitary Conditions.

A clean up corner has been made in the school which consists of an discarded washstand which has been rejuvenated. This old washstand was scrubbed, painted and enameled so that the former owner would hardly recognize it.

In this clean up corner you will find this washstand, a white enamel basin, soap container, towel and towel rack, sanitary towels and a health record of the children.

This record is being used as a daily check of personal cleanliness, which include (a) clean bodies, wearing apparel, nails, hair and teeth.

This clean up corner has been an incentive and means of integrating the home and the school. Personal pride and attendance has been improved. Careful attention has been given to the formation of health habits; care has been taken in the prevention and spreading of communicable diseases by isolation and preventative precautions.

A medicine cabinet is to be installed in the clean up corner, for the purpose of administering "First Aid".

IV. Providing Work Books for Various Groups.

In attempting to make provisions for various activities, Work Books have been made, purchased and used to a great advantage. The child and teacher has something concrete for references and thus both can rate the improvement made from one stage to another.

V. Improvement in the classification and teaching procedures by the grouping of classes and the use of units according to levels of abilities.

In the grouping and classifications of pupils activities were planned to give pleasure to the learner and to direct his learning capacities. In this plan the child was placed where he could work best. Units of work were planned and executed according to the level of abilities.

Submitted by-----

M. B. Lewis, Principal

A. H. Young, Assistant.

St. Francisville, La.

March 18, 1937

We, the teachers of Independence School, wish to present the following improvement report covering work done in the past (5) five months, which will also include the programs and monthly decorations.

First there was a general cleaning of the building both inside and out due to none use of building. All desks were removed from building and washed well. The inside walls were cobwebbed, and swept down. All books were removed and well dusted, then replaced after the book cases had been washed and thoroughly dried.

The window panes, sashes, woodworks and doors were washed. While the rooms were being thoroughly scrubbed with warm water and washing powder, all posters maps, and charts were taken down and well dusted. These were removed or rehung. New ones were made, and placed against the wall. They include the Health Posters, Safety Slogans, and Good-Manners.

Hardwood boxes have been made and painted to match the walls. One box has been placed in each classroom.

As an improvement in the Home Economic Department, we have painted the Sewing Table Ivory, and polished the stove. All cooking utensils have been washed and rubbed. The Cabinet has been thoroughly cleaned. Then the utensils replaced. The curtains have been washed and ironed several times. The floor is scrubbed at least once each month.

The outside cleaning consisted of a cobwebbing of the building the cutting of grass, briars, and the trimming of trees. Also the removal of all rubbish. The turn stile was replaced, and small trees cut from front view.

The "Out Houses" were thoroughly cleaned, and scrubbed. Lime was used freely. New walks have been made to each one. This was done by the patrons. We are proud to say that we have a new tin roof.

Added to this list is the working of flower beds, and drainages. All flowers were worked. New trees and flowers were planted along the walk and along the front fence. Much has been done to add to the beauty of Independence School.

Secondly, we thought that monthly decorations would add to our improvement. In November we tried to portray the First Thanksgiving by the use of the Pilgrims, on their way to church.

The Program for January was one of much interest---Songs Recitations, and these Topics-----Health, Highway Safety, and Good Manners were discussed first by the teachers. Then each patron was given an opportunity to express his idea, as to what he was doing to promote these topics. Number present-----58-----

For February we observed Negro History Week and combined Health, Safety, and Good Manners. There were readings pertaining to Negro life, growth and development. Negro Characters were observed from wall charts, and brief sketches of their lives were mentioned.----Number present----- (65)

In March came the Rosenwald Program which was also combined with the same three topics. It too, included songs, recitations and readings by pupils, remarks by patrons, and former students. They were about the generous donations, and outstanding features in the life and works of Mr. Rosenwald.

Submitted by-----

J. Charles

W. L. Page

Results of Judges

1. Independence - Fair, signs of minor improvements.
2. St. Francesville School - poor, no major improvements. Fence only minor improvement. no proper disposal of trash. Improper disposal of trash detracts from rating.
3. Afton Villa = Very good. Stoves well polished, floors ^{very} clean, window decorations good. General cleanliness of whole plant very good. Evidence of good planting and much interest in work. Conditions of outhouses outside, good. Inside, fair.
4. Park - Good, considering condition of building being newer and recent grading of campus. Fence also adds to rating. Evidence of many trees being planted.

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Abbeville Parish School Board

A. R. DE NUX, PRES.

L. A. CAYER, SUPT.

Marksville - - - - Louisiana

June 11, 1937.

Mr. A. C. Lewis,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

I am submitting to you the best Beautification Report from this parish with two pictures of the building. The other schools who have signed up have made only minor improvements, which are as follows:

Choctaw--Painted building outside and used cold water paint inside.

Mansura--Signed beautification report but nothing was done as the School Board is planning to remove this building from the present site.

Hickory Hill--Draining of grounds, planting of trees, minor repairs on building and building of a supply cabinet.

Ford--Planting of shrubbery and minor repairs, building of supply cabinet, set of book shelves.

Marksville--Adding of shades to rooms, electric light in one room, and addition of two rooms by School Board, unpainted as yet. Planning to have constructed approved privies.

Hamburg--New one-room building was constructed by School Board at cost of \$900., painted inside and out. Well equipped with boards, new heater, shades, shelves and hooks for hats. School Board had new approved sanitary privies built. Lot of one acre was donated by colored patrons.

Simmesport--Nothing was done as building needs to be repaired and addition built in near future.

Evergreen--New two-room building constructed at a cost of \$1800. by School Board. Lot of one acre donated and leveled by colored patrons. Building painted inside and out. New privies with concrete floors were built by W.P.A. and School Board at a cost of \$50. for materials, less labor. Building is equipped with sufficient board space, two new heaters, shades and shelves with hooks. Shrubs and flowers were planted.

Gum Ridge--Painted inside and supply cabinets built. Trees were planted.

Hessmer--Planted trees, shrubs and had two sanitary toilets donated by Red Cross to Parish and installed by W.P. A.


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Report of Improvement and Beautification of School Buildings and Grounds

SCHOOL Evergreen White, Colored COUNTY Avoyelles
(Underscore one)

Please list below the improvements for the year, giving details, total estimated cost, and the contributing agencies.

1. Building: A new two room frame building painted white. Inside painted cream color
Estimated cost \$ 1700
2. Grounds: Portions leveled, flowers planted and two sanitary concrete floored outbuildings.
Estimated cost \$ 40.00
3. Equipment: 12 adjustable shades, two hester desks, 1 globe, 1 map and two blackboards.
Estimated cost \$ 60.00
4. Total cost of improvement on buildings, grounds and equipment \$ 1800
5. Amount of aid received from county and state funds \$ 1800
6. Amount of aid received from government funds \$ none
7. Amount contributed by community in labor, material and money \$ 6.00

Filled in by Annie Williams Principal or teacherAddress Evergreen, La. Date May 24, 1937

(Fill out in duplicate and send to county superintendent who will keep one for his files, sending the other to the State Department of Education. Attach two pictures showing good view of grounds and building. Give story or further information on separate sheets.)

NLS (Rehab)

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

June 12, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Herewith I am pleased to send you a report on the results of the School Plant Improvement and Beautification Contests in Alabama for the year 1936-1937.

In the contest among county training and other high schools, Mobile County Training School got first prize and Elmore County Training School, second prize.

In the contest among colored elementary schools, Inverness Elementary School in Bullock County got first prize and Shiloh Elementary School in Coffee County, second prize.

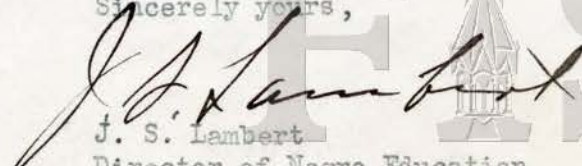
Of the seventeen counties involved in the elementary school contest, only seven reported the first prize winners -- namely, Bullock, Chambers, Coffee, Dale, Hale, Monroe, and Shelby.

Herewith I hand you snapshots of winners in both the high school and elementary school contests. Some of these snapshots are not very good but they were the best that we could obtain. I shall probably send you better pictures a little later.

The library set for Mobile County Training School should be shipped to Superintendent W. C. Griggs, Mobile, Alabama, and for Elmore County Training School to Superintendent J. R. Gantt, Wetumpka, Alabama. The library set for Inverness Elementary School in Bullock County should be shipped to Superintendent M. K. Johnson, Union Springs, Alabama, and the set for Shiloh Elementary School in Coffee County should be shipped to Superintendent A. C. Dunnaway, Elba, Alabama.

On the whole, the Contests on School Plant Improvement this year were very encouraging -- especially among high schools. Practically all of the county training schools -- and a few high schools besides -- entered the contest and fifteen of them made very commendable showings in the work of improvement and beautification. I have no doubt that practically all of them will enter the contest another year.

Sincerely yours,


J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

JSL:L
Encl.

REPORT ON SCHOOL PLANT IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST AMONG
ELEMENTARY NEGRO SCHOOLS IN ALABAMA FOR THE YEAR

1936 - 1937

Number of Counties	7
Number of Schools Making Reports	25
Cost of Improvement on Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment -	
Buildings	\$ 921.95
Grounds.....	384.38
Equipment	<u>1,451.82</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,758.15
Amount of Aid Received From -	
State	\$ 669.00
Government Funds	150.00
Community - Labor, material and money	<u>1,939.15</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,758.15

REPORT ON SCHOOL PLANT IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST AMONG
NEGRO HIGH SCHOOLS IN ALABAMA FOR THE YEAR

1936 - 1937

Number of Counties	15
Number of Schools Making Reports	15
Cost of Improvement on Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment -	
Buildings	\$ 942.80
Grounds	1,308.35
Equipment	<u>2,593.47</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,844.62

Amount of Aid Received From -

State	\$ 1,439.00
Government Funds	350.00
Community - Labor, material and money	<u>3,055.62</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,844.62

ALABAMA

NAMES OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE COUNTY CONTEST ON IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION

1936 - 1937

<u>County</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>Name of School</u>
Bullock	M. K. Johnson, Union Springs	Inverness
Chambers	G. M. Barnett, LaFayette	Macedonia
Coffee	A. C. Dunnaway, Elba	Shiloh
Dale	A. B. McLeod, Ozark	Shady Grove
Hale	E. L. Colebeck, Greensboro	Guinea
Monroe	H. G. Greer, Monroeville	Clausell
Shelby	J. L. Appleton, Columbiana	Wilsonville

WRS (Rehab)

contest

State of Arkansas
Department of Education
Little Rock

June 14, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

(C) We are reporting final results of Rosenwald Day and of the Contest in Beautification and Improvement of School Plants (colored), 1937:

ALL-STATE AWARDS:

- 1. Greatest Improvement - Carthage School, Dallas County, J. B. Tilque, Principal.
- 2. Most Attractive - Bells School, Nashville, Howard County, W. L. McMillan, Principal.

(I suggest that the libraries be sent to me directly for personal delivery to the schools since the term is out)

Total number of school reporting to this office - - - - - 141

Total expenditures reported for improvement during the year - - - \$67,420.71

Total number of counties reporting - - - - - 31

Winners - One and Two-Teacher Schools:

- 1. Kensett, White County - B. T. W. Brembry, Principal.
- 2. Fountain Hill, Ashley County - Louise Washington, Jeanes Teacher
- 3. Jennie - Chicot County - Gussie Lee Carley, Principal

Winners - Three to Five-Teacher Schools:

- 1. North View, Conway County - Mrs. Sadie B. Woods, Jeanes Teacher
- 2. Rowland, Cleveland County - Mrs. Margaret Ollison, Jeanes Teacher
- 3. Clow, Hempstead County - Reuben Johnson, Principal.

Winners - Six-Teacher and Larger Schools:

- 1. Rosston, Nevada County - L. W. Johnson, Principal
- 2. Forrest City, St. Francis County - Charles Steward, Principal
- 3. Augusta, Woodruff County - Mrs. E. E. McClendon, Jeanes Teacher



SPECIAL COUNTY AWARDS:

<u>County</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>School</u>
Ashley	Fountain Hill	Monroe	Fox
Bradley	Mt. Olive	Nevada	Boughton
Chicot	Jennie	Ouachita	Bearden
Cleveland	Rowland	Phillips	Elaine
Craighead	Jonesboro	Pike	Rosboro
Dallas	Ivan	Prairie	Aiken
Drew	Loggy Bayou	Pulaski	Wampoo
Crittenden	Earle	St. Francis	Forrest City
Garland	Langston	Sebastian	Dunbar
Howard	Dierks	Union	Smackover
Jackson	Erwin	Woodruff	Augusta
Jefferson	Wabbaseka	Calhoun	Thornton
Lee	Trinity	Columbia	Magnolia
Lafayette	Stamps	Conway	North View
Mississippi	Carson	Miller	Texarkana
		Washington	Fayetteville

The enormous decrease in reported improvements over last year is due to the lack of interest of County Examiners in securing and filing reports. I, personally know of many schools making large improvements but which never turned in reports. Duties in our office were so pronounced that we were unable to see in person about the filing of reports.

The report of white schools will be made to you within a day or two. It is also quite disappointing.

Very truly yours,

Nolen M. Irby
 Nolen M. Irby,
 Supervisor Colored Schools

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J. A. SHELBY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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 E. M. WEAVER, WARD SEVEN

June 14, 1937

Mr. A. C. Lewis,
 Department of Education,
 Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a report of the schools winning first and second place in the beautification program for elementary schools in Bienville Parish. They are: Central, Bryceland, La. and Saline Colored, Saline, La. You will also find a report from the Training School at Arcadia, La.

You will find pictures of the first prize and a negative of the second prize school. Pictures of the Training School are enclosed.

The following is a report of all schools participating in Beautification Contest:

1. Buildings and estimated cost-----	\$2776.20
2. Grounds and " "-----	452.13
3. Equipment " "-----	671.77
4. Total-----	\$3900.10
5. Amount of aid from parish-----	2223.46
6. " contributed by community	
in labor, material and money-----	1676.64

Very truly yours,

Encl. 3

L. A. Brown

NRS (Rehab.)

State of Arkansas
Department of Education
Little Rock

Contest

June 16, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Herewith, we report the result of the contest in Beautification and Improvement of School Plants among white schools.

First Place - (Most attractive) Wilson School, Pulaski County, Miss Anne Humphreys, Route 3, Little Rock, Principal.

Second Place - (Most improvement) Standard Umstead, Ouachita County, Berry Hinton, County Examiner, Camden, Arkansas.

I suggest that these awards be shipped to me for personal delivery.

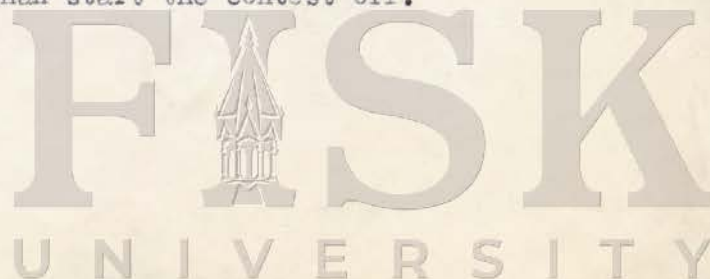
COUNTY AWARDS:

Wilson, Pulaski County
Standard Umstead, Union County
Carlisle, Lonoke County
Forrest Hill, Nevada County

Total counties participating,	4
Total schools reporting,	8
Total value improvements,	\$17,273.90

Several things conspired to make the contest weak in reports. We have no interested county examiners. Most improvements were P. W. A. and W. P. A. and the schools hesitated to report improvements made by the federal government. The State Department was swamped with work and could give no personal aid. The P. T. A. to whom the work was surrendered was pretty futile.

Unless we can enlist the aid of the State P. T. A. for next year in an effective way, I doubt the advisability of making the contest apply to white schools. Mr. Baker of the Building Division cannot give it attention, and I am unable to do more than start the contest off.



Fairness to the State leads me to report that P. W. A. and other federal agencies have aided to the amount of \$995,886.11 on school buildings and grounds up to January 1, 1937. We have no record since that time.

Very truly yours,

Nolen M. Irby

Nolen M. Irby,
Supervisor Colored Schools

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State of Oklahoma
Department of Public Instruction

A. L. CRABLE, SUPERINTENDENT
M. G. ORR, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT

Oklahoma City

June 19, 1937

Contest

*NRS (Rehab-
Contest)*

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

On June 2nd, we reported to you the winners of the first prizes in the Beautification Contest in Oklahoma for both the white and colored schools. I apologize to you and to the principals of the schools who won a second prize in that I did not report these schools. As a matter of fact, I notified the schools that they had won second place and that no second prize was offered.

The teacher of the Winchester School in Woods County called my attention to the mistake by returning a printed plan properly marked.

The winner of the second prize, white school, is Winchester, District No. 13, Woods County. The principal of the school is Miss Hulda Groesbeck, 1141 8th Street, Alva, Oklahoma. Please ship the library to her at that address.

The winner of the second prize, colored school, is Harrison School, Separate District No. 36, in Oklahoma County. Please ship the library for that school to Mrs. Ethel Dowell, County Superintendent-Elect, c/o of this Office. We will deliver it to her and she to the school after she is inducted into her office after July 5. I am requesting the shipment be made in this way, at this time, because of the impending change in the office of the county superintendent. In the event the set is not shipped before July 5, it may be addressed direct to Mrs. Ethel Dowell, County Superintendent of Oklahoma County, Court House, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Cordially yours,

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

EAD:n



State of Oklahoma
Department of Public Instruction

A. L. CRABLE, SUPERINTENDENT
M. G. ORR, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT

Oklahoma City

June 23, 1937

Contest

*NRS (Rehab-
Contest)*

Mr. S. L. Smith
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Inclosed herewith I am sending you an ammended and corrected report of the Committee of judges showing state winners of first prize and state winners of second prize for both the white school and the Negro school in the Rosenwald Beautification Contest during 1936-1937. Our original report gave only the winners for the first prizes.

I trust you will substitute this in your files for the one which we sent you under date of June 2nd, and discard the one we sent you at that time.

Our instructions for shipping the library to the several winners were given in previous letters, and these instructions remain unchanged.

Cordially yours,

E. A. Duke

E. A. Duke
State Agent

EAD:n
Inclosure

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ROSENWALD BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST, 1936-1937

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Schools in Contest</u>		
	<u>White</u>	<u>Negro</u>	<u>Total</u>
Comanche	5	0	5
Creek	0	7	7
Jefferson	4	0	4
Okfuskee	0	14	14
Oklahoma	0	9	9
Okmulgee	3	17	20
Seminole	0	16	16
Woods	4	0	4
*Greer	0	1	1
*Kiowa	1	0	1
8 Counties	17	64	81

*Only one school in the contest.

County Winners

<u>County</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Negro</u>
Comanche	Cedar Grove, Dist. No. 130	-----
Creek	-----	Wilson, Dist. No. 14
Jefferson	Oscar, District No. 6	-----
Okfuskee	-----	Little Hill, Dist. No. 39
Oklahoma	-----	Harrison, Dist. No. 36
Okmulgee	Hector, Dist. No. 45	Rosenwald, Dist. No. 2
Seminole	-----	Arbeka, U. G. Dist. No. 1
Woods	Winchester, Dist. No. 13	-----

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State Winners

The state committee by a vote of three to one chose the winner among the schools for whites for first prize, and by a unanimous vote chose the winner among the schools for Negroes for first prize. The schools awarded first and second prizes are as follows; by unanimous vote by the committee:

The Oscar School in District No. 6, Jefferson County was awarded first place (white)

The Winchester School in District No. 13, Woods County was awarded second place (white)

The Wilson School in District No. 14, Creek County was awarded first place (Negro)

The Harrison School in District No. 36, Oklahoma County was awarded second place (Negro)

This report is respectfully submitted by the state committee appointed by Superintendent A. L. Crable to judge the State Contest.

Frank Williams Director of Schoolhouse Planning
Frank Lulley High School Inspector
Carl Minkworth Rural School Supervisor
E. A. Drake State Agent

June 2, 1937

Approved by:

A. L. Crable
 State Superintendent

JAS. H. HOPE
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

State of South Carolina
Department of Education



COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 3, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith,
Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed please find report of the
Beautification Contest for South Carolina for the session
1936-37. I am also enclosing pictures of the winning
schools. I hope that this information will meet with
your approval.

We had seven counties to participate
with White Schools and nineteen to participate with
Negro Schools. I am satisfied that a great deal of
work was done in schools that did not file appli-
cations and reports. In fact, I am sure that some
schools did better than some of the schools that
received prizes but failed to file application and
report. The improvement has really been worth while
in this State.

Sincerely,

J. B. Felton,
State Agent Negro Schools

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Report of Beautification Contest for 1936-37:

Number of Counties Participating:

White Schools7

Negro Schools19

Highest score received by White School:

Oak Grove, Florence County

Second highest score received by White School:

Hollywood, Saluda County

Highest score received by Negro School :

Emma Maddox, Greenwood County

Second highest score received by Negro School:

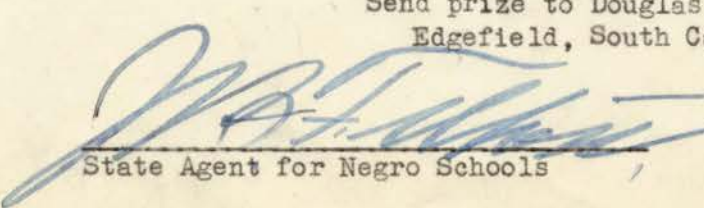
Douglas, Edgefield County


Send prize for Oak Grove School to Superintendent Jesse T.
Anderson, Florence, South Carolina.

Send prize for Hollywood School to Superintendent S. T. Burnett,
Saluda, South Carolina.

Send prize for Emma Maddox School to Superintendent M. B. Camak,
Ware Shoals, South Carolina.

Send prize to Douglas School to Superintendent W. W. Fuller,
Edgefield, South Carolina.


State Agent for Negro Schools


Director, Division of Schoolhouse Planning
and Construction.

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Contest)

STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BATON ROUGE

July 8, 1937.

Mr. S. L. Smith,
Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We submit, herewith, our State report on the Rosenwald School Day celebration and Beautification Contest.

With your permission we used the \$100 made available by the Rosenwald Fund for additional prizes offered to two classes of schools - first, high schools and large rural consolidated schools; second, small elementary schools and rural schools. A schedule of these prizes with the winning schools is given below.

High Schools and Large Consolidated Schools

<u>Prize</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Superintendent To Whom Check Was Issued</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1st	Parish Training	Webster	J. E. Pitcher	3980	20.00
2nd	Rayne	Acadia	A. T. Browne	3976	15.00
3rd	Parish Training	Tangipahoa	C. C. Pittman	3981	10.00
4th	Parish Training	St. Helena	J. L. Meadows	3982	5.00
					<u>\$50.00</u>

Elementary and Rural Schools

1st	Foreman	E. Baton Rouge	C. B. Turner	3978	20.00
2nd	Central	Webster	J. E. Pitcher	3980	15.00
3rd	Central	Bienville	J. A. Shelby	3977	10.00
4th	Gramercy	St. James	E. L. Roussel	3979	5.00
					<u>\$50.00</u>

The two elementary school libraries furnished by the Rosenwald Fund in this Contest should be shipped as follows:

✓ Mr. J. L. Jones, Minden, Louisiana.
(for first prize in the State high school Beautification Contest)

✓ Superintendent C. B. Turner, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
(for Foreman School which won first place in the State elementary school Beautification Contest.)

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BATON ROUGE

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Honor Certificates were won by the following schools:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Acadia	Rayne	High School
Allen	Elizabeth	High School
Ascension	Lowery	High School
"	Gonzales	Elementary
Avoyelles	Evergreen	Elementary
Bienville	Central	Elementary
East Baton Rouge	Foreman	Elementary
Franklin	Wisner	Elementary
Iberville	Parish Training	High School
Ouachita	Sterlington	High School
Rapides	Boyce	Elementary
Richland	Rayville	High School
Sabine	Zwolle	Elementary
St. Helena	Parish Training	High School
St. James	Gramercy	Elementary
Tangipahoa	Parish Training	High School
Tensas	Waterproof	Elementary
Webster	Parish Training	High School
"	Central	Elementary
West Baton Rouge	Port Allen	Elementary
West Feliciana	Afton Villa	Elementary

As soon as the blanks are received from your office, we will issue honor certificates to the schools earning them.

Attached to this letter you will find a report of the results in the parishes which participated. In this report we give only the figures for the entire parish and the totals for the State. We have a rough copy of the individual schools' reports on file in the office which we will be glad to forward to you if you desire it.

We are also sending pictures of the schools winning prizes, except in the case of St. Helena Parish which lost its school building by fire just a few days before the contest closed. A new building is being erected at that place now. I would be glad to have you return the Tangipahoa Parish Training School picture unless you have good use for it. If you can use it, I can get Superintendent Pittman to give me a duplicate for my office.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BATON ROUGE

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July 8.

We are also sending some of the reports which we thought might be of some interest to you. Mr. Barrow and I feel that this contest has done more good than the report would seem to indicate. We feel that the spirit of beautification has been planted in the minds of the teachers and people and that the work done in this year and previous years will continue to bear fruit in the future.

I hope this report will be satisfactory. If there are any points you wish to raise or questions you wish to ask, we would be glad to have you communicate with us.

Come to see us when you can.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) A. C. Lewis

ACL:S



REPORT
on
IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION OF SCHOOL PLANTS
in
NEGRO SCHOOLS OF LOUISIANA

1936-1937

Parish	Number Schools	Building	Grounds	Equipment	Total Value	Public Funds	Government Funds	Community Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acadia	1	\$...	\$145.00	\$ 935.50	\$1,080.50	\$700.00	\$...	\$ 380.50
Allen	1	200.00	50.00	125.75	375.75	100.00	...	275.75
Ascension	3	180.00	25.00	842.00	1,047.00	174.00	...	873.00
Avoyelles	4	4,550.00	40.00	60.00	4,650.00	4,650.00	...	...
Bienville	28	2,776.20	452.13	671.77	3,900.10	2,223.46	...	1,676.64
East Baton Rouge	2	132.00	35.00	100.00	267.00	110.00	...	157.00
Franklin	4	1,302.50	198.50	572.80	2,073.80	1,713.80	20.00	340.00
Iberville	1	2,000.00	...	500.00	2,500.00	2,400.00	...	100.00
Ouachita	8	4,197.71	387.00	534.10	5,118.81	2,416.24	5.00	2,697.57
Rapides	2	...	75.00	65.30	140.30	62.30	...	73.00
Richland	5	1,272.75	293.72	359.15	1,925.62	886.75	34.00	1,004.87
Sabine	8	1,278.00	473.75	1,908.00	3,659.75	2,320.00	112.00	1,227.75
St. Helena	1	450.00	37.50	525.00	1,012.50	400.00	125.00	487.50
St. James	9	2,127.04	141.70	376.98	2,645.72	345.10	1,706.59	594.03
Tangipahoa	1	25,459.00	320.00	2,051.00	27,830.00	15,500.00	2,625.00	9,705.00
Tensas	3	920.00	312.96	50.00	1,282.96	1,040.00	...	242.96
Webster	23	3,051.45	511.20	2,087.25	5,649.90	3,476.80	...	2,173.10
West Baton Rouge	4	55.75	55.00	97.28	208.03	130.28	...	77.75
West Feliciana	4	74.69	55.75	71.63	202.07	127.57	...	74.50
Totals	112	50,027.09	3,609.21	11,933.51	65,569.81	38,776.30	4,627.59	22,165.92



STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TWENTIETH FLOOR, LEXINGTON BUILDING
LEXINGTON AND LIBERTY STREETS
BALTIMORE

J. W. HUFFINGTON
SUPERVISOR OF COLORED SCHOOLS

July 9, 1937.

Mr. S. L. Smith,
502 Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is to advise that the rural school in Maryland having made the greatest progress in improvement of buildings, grounds, etc., for year 1936-37 under the auspices of the Improvement and Beautification Contest is Marion three-teacher school in Somerset County.

Superintendent W. Stewart Fitzgerald,
Post Office - Princess Anne, Maryland.
Freight Address - Princess Anne, Maryland.

The principal of the school is:

Miss Ella Williams,
Post Office - Marion Station, Maryland.
(At present she is not in the county).

The two other teachers are:

Miss Geneva Johnson and Miss Viola Waples. Neither is in the county just now.

I am mailing under separate cover a statement of the county health officer relative to this school. He, by the way, is a Southern man who has been in Somerset County for a few years and has been most helpful among the Negro schools.

For the second place as a result of progress is Great Mills two-teacher school in St. Mary's County.

Superintendent Miss Lettie M. Dent
Post Office - Leonardtown, Maryland
Freight Address - Leonardtown, St. Mary's County, Maryland.

The principal of the Great Mills school is Miss Carrie J. Jameson. Miss Mary K. Mercer is the assistant. The post office of both is Valley Lee, St. Mary's County, Maryland. (Neither is in the county just now).

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Page Two, Mr. Smith, July 9, 1937.

As teachers of the schools in both counties are away just now, I suggest the \$36 Elementary Library Set be shipped direct to W. Stewart Fitzgerald, Superintendent, Princess Anne, Maryland; and the \$15 Elementary Set be shipped to Miss Lettie M. Dent, Superintendent, Leonardtown, Maryland.

I am enclosing a sheet giving the first and the second choice in each participating county.

As I understand it, we award certificates only to first choice in each county.

We fully appreciate your consideration in this contest.

Very sincerely,

J. Walter Huffington,
Supervisor of Colored Schools.

JWH:CMS

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MARYLAND

Name of the first and the second choice of schools in fourteen counties participating in the Improvement and Beautification Contest, 1936-37.

County	School
St. Mary's County	Great Mills (1) Jarboesville (2)
Queen Anne's County	Corsica Neck (1) Church Hill (2)
Charles County	Marbury (1) Holly Springs (2)
Carroll County	Robert Moton (1) Union Bridge (2)
Talbot County	St. Michael's (1) Copperville (2)
Prince George's County	Meadows (1) Brentwood (2)
Somerset County	Marion (1) Fairmount (2)
Caroline County	Federalsburg (1) Ridgely (2)
Montgomery County	Sandy Spring (1) Poolsville (2)
Worcester County	Bishop (1) Synepuxent (2)
Anne Arundel County	Pumphreys (1) Skidmore (2)
Kent County	Garnet (1) Coleman (2)
Wicomico County	Rockawalkin (1) Mardela (2)
Dorchester County	Grapo (1) Finchville (2)

There are only 22 counties in Md.
with Negro schools. Mrs. FISK UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL PLANT IMPROVEMENT

Report to County Superintendent of Improvements from

July 1, 1936, to June 30, 1937

County _____ School _____

Principal _____ Address _____

Number of Teachers _____

(In estimates of cost include all material and labor, whether paid for or donated. Report only improvements made July 1, 1936, to June 1, 1937.)

A. SCHOOL GROUND

Answer	Est. Cost	Answer	Est. Cost
1. School ground cleaned?	\$.....	4. Walks to outbuildings?	\$.....
2. Walk made door to road?	5. Fence built or repaired? .....	.....
3. Walk made to well?	6. More school ground bought? .....	.....

B. LANDSCAPING SCHOOL GROUND

1. Play courts laid out?	\$.....	5. Trees planted around ground?	\$.....
2. Parking areas laid out? .....	.....	6. School ground graded? .....	.....
3. Flower or veg. garden made? .....	.....	7. Retaining wall built? .....	.....
4. Shrubs planted by buildings? .....	.....	8. Grass plots provided? .....	.....
		9. Other ground improvements? .....	.....

C. BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS—OUTSIDE

How many class rooms were provided with:

1. New buildings?	\$.....	6. New foundation or underpinning?	\$.....
2. New roof? .....	.....	7. Weatherboarding repaired? .....	.....
3. New porches? .....	.....	8. Doors renewed or repaired? .....	.....
4. Roof, porch or steps repaired? .....	.....	9. Building painted? .....	.....
5. Gutters and down spouts? .....	.....	10. Outbuildings painted? .....	.....
		11. Other outside improvements? .....	.....

D. BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS—INSIDE

How many class rooms were provided with:

1. New plaster or ceiling?	\$.....	5. Blackboard new or restored?	\$.....
2. Plaster or ceiling repaired? .....	.....	6. Book shelves built in? .....	.....
3. Flue new or repaired? .....	.....	7. Painting, approved color scheme? .....	.....
4. Floor new or repaired? .....	.....	8. Deflectors at windows? .....	.....
		9. Other inside improvements? .....	.....

E. FURNISHINGS

For how many class rooms were:

1. New desks provided?	\$.....	3. Seats rearranged for left side light?	\$.....
2. Old desks repaired? .....	.....	4. Rearranged for erect posture? .....	.....
		5. Other furnishings provided? .....	.....

F. HEATING

How many class rooms were provided with:

1-2. New heating equipment, (stoves, steam)?	\$.....	4. Stove—boards metal or concrete?	\$.....
3. Old equipment repaired? .....	.....	5. Fuel bins? .....	.....



SCHOOL PLANT IMPROVEMENT

G. LIGHTING

Answer Est. Cost

Answer Est. Cost

How many class rooms were provided with:

- 1-2. Windows, new or relocated for left-side light? \$
3. Shades fixed at the middle? \$
4. Adequate light for every desk? \$
5. Electric Lights? \$

H. SANITATION

- 1-2. New water-closets or toilets, or old ones repaired to meet St. Bd. of Health rules? \$
3. Concrete toilet floors? \$
4. Sanitary drainage provided? \$
5. Other sanitary service? \$

I. WATER SUPPLY

1. Was new water supply provided on premises? \$
2. Were well curb and cover provided? \$
3. Water analyzed by health authorities? \$

Signed by:

Date: 1937.

C. BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS—OUTSIDE

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7. Painting, approved color scheme? \$
8. Reflectors at windows? \$
9. Other inside improvements? \$

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3. Rearranged for erect posture? \$
4. Rearranged for erect posture? \$
5. Other furnishings provided? \$
6. Seats rearranged for left side light? \$

F. HEATING

How many class rooms were provided with:

- 1-2. New heating equipment (above steam)? \$
3. Old equipment repaired? \$
4. Stove—boards metal or concrete? \$
5. Fuel pipes? \$

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JEREMIAH RHODES,
FIRST ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT

EDGAR ELLEN WILSON,
SECOND ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT

MYRTLE L. TANNER,
INFORMATION AND
STATISTICS

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L. A. WOODS, STATE SUPERINTENDENT
AUSTIN, TEXAS

September 7, 1937

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GORDON WORLEY,
SPECIAL SUPERVISOR

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CERTIFICATION

JOHN OLSEN,
CENSUS

Contest
Dr. S. L. Smith, Director
for Southern Office
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Smith:

Enclosed you will find the summarized report of the Rosenwald School Plant Improvement Contest among the Colored Schools in Texas. Also enclosed are pictures and reports from the winning school at Jefferson.

Send
I am circularizing the information concerning the supply of Rosenwald libraries, among the Jeanes Supervisors, so that they may begin immediately to encourage the Negro Schools needing libraries, to apply early for them. Our office needs, especially, additional application forms for the set of Books by and About Negroes, and the Supplementary Elementary library.

Very sincerely,

Grace W. Swanson
Secretary
Division of Negro Education

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Report

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Austin, Texas

August 1937

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Elementary

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Respectfully submitted,

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J. Fred Horn

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Gordon Worley,

COMMITTEE

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NRs (Rehab -
contest)

Julius Rosenwald Fund

Southern Office
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

S. L. Smith
Director for Southern Office

September 9, 1937

Dear Miss Tucker: Do you happen to have in your records the names of the schools winning first and second prizes for which \$24.00 and \$10.00 respectively was paid out of the Rosenwald School Day money? Our Comptroller of the Chicago Office has asked for this information to complete her files.

Sincerely,

Marian Tippet
Secretary to
Mr. Smith

MT

Miss Beatrice Tucker
State Department of Education
Little Rock, Arkansas

Is the enclosed what you need?
B. Tucker

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REPORT OF ROSENWALD DAY AND BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

ALL-STATE AWARDS

Greatest Improvement - Carthage School, Dallas County, J. B. Tilque, Principal

Most Attractive - Bells School, Nashville, Howard County - W. L. McMillan, Prin.

AWARDS IN ONE & TWO-TEACHER SCHOOLS

1. Kensett, White County - B. T. W. Brembry, Principal
2. Fountain Hill, Ashley County - Louise Washington, Jeanes Supervisor
3. Jennie, Chicot County - Gussie Lee Carley, Principal

AWARDS IN THREE TO FIVE-TEACHER SCHOOLS

1. North View, Conway County - Mrs. Sadie B. Woods, Jeanes Supervisor
2. Rowland, Cleveland County - Mrs. Margaret R. Ollison, Jeanes Supervisor
3. Clow, Hempstead County - Reuben Johnson, Principal

AWARDS IN SIX-TEACHER & LARGER SCHOOLS

1. Rosston, Nevada County - L. W. Johnson, Principal
2. Forrest City, St. Francis County - C. S. Stewart, Principal
3. Augusta, Woodruff County - Mrs. E. E. McClendon, Jeanes Supervisor

SPECIAL COUNTY AWARDS

<u>County</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>School</u>
Ashley	Fountain Hill	Monroe	Fox
Bradley	Mt. Olive	Novada	Boughton
Chicot	Jennie	Ouachita	Bearden
Cleveland	Rowland	Phillips	Elaine
Craighead	Jonesboro	Pike	Rosboro
Dallas	Ivan	Prairie	Aiken
Drew	Loggy Bayou	Pulaski	Wampoo
Crittenden	Earle	St. Francis	Forrest City
Garland	Langston	Sebastian	Dunbar
Howard	Dierks	Union	Smackover
Jackson	Erwin	Woodruff	Augusta
Jefferson	Wabbascka	Calhoun	Thornton
Lee	Trinity	Columbia	Magnolia
Lafayette	Stamps	Conway	North View
Mississippi	Carson	Miller	Texarkana
		Washington	Fayetteville

Total number of schools reporting to this office 141

Total expenditures reported for improvement during the year \$67,420.71

Total number of counties reporting 31

Respectfully submitted,

NOLEN M. IRBY
R. C. CHILDRESS



Contest

NCS (Chish-
Contest)

September 9, 1937

Dear Mr. Williams: Thank you for sending the
 pictures of the Marion County
Negro schools. They show marked improvement in this
county. It is most interesting to me to note that
every Negro schoolhouse in Marion County has been
rebuilt or repaired during the past three years. It
is an achievement for which any county superintendent
might well be proud. I have a feeling that the
physical improvement of the plants will create added
interest and greater civic pride among the schools
and communities of this county.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Mr. D. E. Williams
State Department of Public Instruction
Tallahassee, Florida

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COLIN ENGLISH
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION



TALLAHASSEE

August 28, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
510 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Under separate cover pictures of the Marion County
Negro schools are being sent you - the pictures were
taken in April.

All of the Negro schoolhouses in Marion County were re-
built or repaired during the past three years. Two pictures
in this lot show very poor buildings. I have been told that
all of them are now in good condition. Please return the
pictures to me for my files.

Yours sincerely

D. E. Williams

D. E. Williams, State Agent

DEW:S

*Pictures returned
Sept. 9, 1937,*

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NRS (Rehab-
Contest)



COLIN ENGLISH
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

September 10, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
510 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

The following schools in Florida were winners in the
Beautification and Improvement Contest to receive Rosenwald
libraries as follows:

- Urban - Union Academy, Bartow, Florida
Ship library to: Supt. C. I. Hollingsworth
Bartow, Florida
- Rural - The rural schools of Marion County made such pronounced
improvement that it is recommended a library be sent
to Supt. Don T. Mann, Ocala, to be circulated over the
County.

Two
Elementary

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter, I am

Yours sincerely

D E Williams

D. E. Williams, State Agent

DEW:S

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WRS (Relief -
contest)
~~LIBRARY~~
~~SUPPLEMENTARY~~

yes

September 17, 1937

Dear Supt. Rogers: The Committee of the Rural School Improvement and Beautification Contest in Texas has reported to us that the St. Paul Negro School in Hunt County has won second prize among the Negro schools of the State in the Contest, and is, therefore, awarded the Supplementary Elementary Library Set given by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago. I hope you will be on the lookout for it and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you as well as the principal, faculty and students of the St. Paul School for your active interest and participation in this Contest.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, School Plant
Committee

SLS:NT

Supt. W. W. Rogers
Greenville, Texas

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Contest
Vd.

NRS (Behab-cont)
~~LIBRARY~~
RURAL
by [signature]

September 21, 1937

Dear Superintendent Haydon: The Committee of the Rural School Improvement and Beautification Contest in Virginia has reported to this office that the Antioch Negro School in Prince William County has won first prize among the Negro schools of the State in the Contest, and is, therefore, awarded the Elementary Library Set given by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago by freight. I hope you will be on the lookout for it and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you as well as the principal, faculty and students of the Antioch Negro School for your active interest and participation in this Contest.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, School Plant
Committee

SLS:MT

Supt. R. C. Haydon
Manassas,
Virginia

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NRSC (Rehab-
Contest)

Contest

September 21, 1937

Dear Superintendent Hollingsworth: The Committee
of the Rural
School Improvement and Beautification Contest in
Florida has reported to this office that the Union
Academy Negro School has won first prize among the
Negro schools of the State in the Contest, and is,
therefore, awarded the Elementary School Library
Set given by the School Plant Committee of the
Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being
shipped to you from Chicago by freight. I hope
you will be on the lookout for it and see that it
is delivered to this school.

I want to
take this opportunity to congratulate you as well
as the principal, faculty and students of the Union
Academy School for your active interest and partici-
pation in this Contest. It is quite an honor for a
school to be rated first in the entire state.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, School
Plant Committee

SLS:MT

Supt. C. I. Hollingsworth
Bartow,
Florida

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WRS (Relat -
Contest)
~~SUPPLEMENTARY~~
Yes

September 21, 1937

Dear Superintendent Sandford: The Committee of the Rural School Improvement and Beautification Contest in Virginia has reported to this office that the Carey's Chapel Negro School in York County has won second prize among the Negro schools of the state in the Contest, and is, therefore, awarded the Supplementary Elementary Library Set given by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago by freight. I hope you will be on the lookout for it and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you as well as the principal, faculty and students of the Carey's Chapel School for your active interest and participation in this Contest.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, School Plant
Committee

SLS:MT

Supt. T. Ryland Sandford
Oceana,
Virginia

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SOUTHERN OFFICE

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NRS (Rehab -
LIBRARIES contest
~~SUPPLEMENTARY~~
Good

September 29, 1937

Dear Professor Mullen: The Committee of the Rural
 School Improvement and
Beautification Contest in Louisiana has reported to
this office that the Central School has won second
prize in the elementary school group, and is, therefore,
awarded the Supplementary Elementary Library Set given
by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald
Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago
by freight. I hope you will be on the lookout for it
and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity
to congratulate you as well as the students of the Central
School for your active interest and participation in this
Contest.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, School
Plant Committee

SLS:MT

Prof. B. E. Mullen
Dubberly, Louisiana

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JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

SOUTHERN OFFICE

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~~SUPPLEMENTARY~~

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September 29, 1937

Dear Professor Clark:

The Committee of the Rural School Improvement and Beautification Contest in Louisiana has reported to this office that the Rayne School has won second prize in the high school and large consolidated school group, and is, therefore, awarded the Supplementary Elementary Library Set given by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago by freight. I hope you will be on the lookout for it and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you as well as the students of the Rayne School for your active interest and participation in this Contest.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman School
Plant Committee

SLS:MT

Prof. R. U. Clark
Rayne, Louisiana

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NRS (Belch-
contest)

Contest
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October 5, 1957

Dear Mr. Moseley: Thank you for sending the
lovely postcards showing
your attractive school building and grounds. I
congratulate you, your faculty and community as
well as Superintendent Hollingsworth on your fine
improvement and beautification program.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Mr. S. Meredith Moseley
P. O. Box 124
Bartow, Florida

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Union Academy

S. MEREDITH MOSELEY
Principal

P. O. Box 124
BARTOW, FLORIDA

October 1, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith, Director
Southern Office
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Smith:

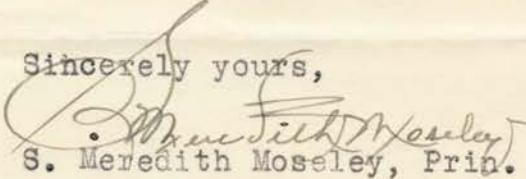
We were notified today by Superintendent Hollingsworth that Union Academy has won First Prize among the Negro Schools of the State, in the School Improvement Beautification Contest. We also received the beautiful Elementary Library, for which we are appreciative.

We wish to use this method to thank the committee, as well as, all who so willingly assisted in this contest.

Superintendent Hollingsworth, to a great degree, is responsible for this honor and the beautiful and healthful place for training Negro youth.

With best wishes for your interest in us, We are

Sincerely yours,


S. Meredith Moseley, Prin.

cc: Superintendent C. I. Hollingsworth

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contest

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
RALEIGH

October 6, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith,
502 Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

The two schools winning first prizes in the Beautification Contest are as follows:

White: Edgecombe County, Mayo School

Colored: Nash County, Spring Hope School

The two schools winning second prizes are:

White: Avery County, Newland School

Colored: Columbus County, Chadbourne School

We will thank you to ship the libraries as follows:

1. First prize white school ^{to} Superintendent N. E. Gresham, Tarboro, N. C.
2. First prize colored school to Superintendent L. S. Inscoc, Nashville, N. C.
3. Second prize white school to Superintendent George M. Bowman, Newland, N. C.
4. Second prize colored school to Superintendent Henry D. Browning, Whiteville, N. C.

Very sincerely yours,

W. F. Credle

W. F. Credle
Director Schoolhouse Planning

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Contest

NRS (Rehab-
contest)

October 7, 1937

Dear Supt. Hollingsworth: Thank you for your letter
of September 30 relative
to the Union Academy Negro School, which received first
prize in the Improvement and Beautification Contest of
the State.

I want to take this opportunity
of congratulating you on the donation of the loving cup to
be held each year by the school making the most improvement.
No doubt this will encourage greater activities on the part
of teachers, pupils and communities in improving and beautify-
ing their school plants.

Sincerely yours,

ELS:MT

Supt. C. I. Hollingsworth
Board of Public Instruction
Bartow, Florida

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BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK

OFFICE OF
C. I. HOLLINGSWORTH
SUPERINTENDENT

BARTOW, FLORIDA

Sept. 30, 1937

M. H. EDWARDS,
ATTORNEY
C. H. BARNETT,
AUDITOR

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund Director
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of September 21st. informing us that Union Academy Negro School has won first prize in the State Beautification Contest. The Elementary School Library Set to be given by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund will be delivered to the school promptly after it is received in this office.

We feel very much honored that our school has been rated first in the entire state. Our annual Beautification Contest is an event which is preceded by a year of earnest effort in most of our schools.

In 1936 a beautiful loving cup, standing about sixteen inches high, was donated by our County Superintendent as a prize to be held each year by the school winning first place in our County Contest. The cup is known as the Julius Rosenwald Trophy. This state prize will act as an added incentive throughout Polk County. A copy of your letter is being sent to Union Academy for display on the school bulletin board.

May we assure you of our sincere appreciation of this honor?

Yours very truly,

Ella V. Griffin

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Jeanes Worker for Polk County

C. I. Hollingsworth

C. I. Hollingsworth

County Superintendent

EVG:MS



NLS (Relat -
content)

Content

October 13, 1937

Dear Supt. Mann: The set of library books sent to you from Chicago and received September 28, was ordered by Mr. D. E. Williams for the rural Negro schools of Marion County with the following statement:

"The rural schools of Marion County made such pronounced improvement that it is recommended a library be sent to Supt. Don T. Mann, Ocala, to be circulated over the County."

We note from your letter that this library is to go to the Clarksville School. It will be entirely satisfactory with us for you to send it to the Clarksville School, or to circulate it for all the Negro schools if you prefer. We are listing on our records the Clarksville School as the winning school in keeping with the statement in your letter of September 30.

You are to be congratulated on the marked improvements made among the Negro schools of your County for the past year. Mr. Williams sent me the pictures showing the new schools and the schools remodeled and improved. I doubt that any county in the South has surpassed the fine record made by Marion County. If not too much trouble I would be very glad to have a brief summarized report of the estimated cost or value of the improvements made among the Negro schools last year, or the past three years if you have it.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Supt. Don T. Mann
Ocala,
Florida

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

September 30, 1937

Dear Sir: A Julius Rosenwald Fund elementary
library has been shipped to you.

You should receive it shortly. We ask that, promptly
upon its receipt, you fill out the form below and
mail this whole letter back to me at the address
above.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Margaret S. Simon

(Note from Marion County school on original letter -
"Was this a prize for the beautification contest?
If so, it goes to Clarksville school and we shall
send it to this school.")

SCHOOL Marion County Negro

TOWN Flemington STATE Florida

(This is Ocala on our
record - RW)

DATE LIBRARY WAS RECEIVED September 28, 1937



WARWICK AND YORK COUNTY SCHOOLS

T. RYLAND SANFORD, JR., SUPERINTENDENT

DENBIGH, VIRGINIA

October 25, 1937

contest

*WKS (Rehab-
contest)*

~~LIBRARIES~~
~~SUPPLEMENTARY~~

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Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Va.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have delayed in acknowledging your letter of September 21st, since I was waiting to receive the Supplementary Elementary Library Set. The books were missent and in consequence delayed in reaching us. However, we now have them and I am writing on behalf of the Cary's Chapel School and myself to thank you for the Library Set. We appreciate the opportunity offered by the Julius Rosenwald Fund for participation in the contest and I trust that this school and other negro schools in the county will continue in their efforts to beautify and improve school grounds.

Very truly yours,

T. Ryland Sanford, Jr.

Div. Superintendent

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JEREMIAH RHODES,
FIRST ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT

EDGAR ELLEN WILSON,
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L. A. WOODS, STATE SUPERINTENDENT
AUSTIN, TEXAS

7185 (Lehigh - Contest)
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CENSUS

November 9, 1937

Dr. S. L. Smith, Director
for Southern Office, Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tennessee

See Lib - Rural

Dear Dr. Smith:

In our report of the Rosenwald School Plant Improvement Contest work in Texas, as per enclosed copy, we reported the Jefferson Negro School as having been winner in the contest. I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. C. Pitts, Principal of the School, informing me that he has not heard from the Rosenwald Fund relative to the library set to be awarded him as first place winner. Perhaps the reply may have gone astray, or perhaps it has not yet been worked out. We should be happy to hear from you relative to this.

Very sincerely,

Gordon Worley, Director
Division of Negro Education

GW/gws/encl.
cc/J. C. Pitts, Principal
Jefferson Negro High School
Jefferson, Texas

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Woods, Chairman
J. Fred Horn
D. B. Taylor
Gordon Worley,

COMMITTEE

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Counties Included

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Anderson.....	Green Bay.....	A. J. Overton, Palestine
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Bowie.....	Arkadelphia.....	L. H. Griffin, Boston
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Gregg.....	Longview High.....	H. L. Foster, Longview
Harrison.....	Lehi.....	Morton Smith, Marshall
Houston.....	Post Oak.....	John A. Long, Crockett
Hunt.....	St. Paul.....	W. W. Rogers, Greenville
Jasper.....	Grant.....	V. O. Easley, Jasper
Lee.....	Smith Chapel.....	R. J. Hejtmancik, Giddings
Leon.....	Shiloh-St. Paul.....	E. R. Lacy, Centerville
Milam.....	Minerva.....	Guy T. Newton, Cameron
Marion.....	Jefferson.....	G. P. Parker, Jefferson
Montgomery.....	Blackshear.....	H. N. Anderson, Conroe
Panola.....	New Salem.....	J. A. Browning, Carthage
Travis.....	Montopolis.....	I. W. Popham, Austin
Tyler.....	Chester Negro School.....	O. A. Riley, Woodville
Waller.....	Sam Schwartz.....	J. C. Devinny, Hempstead
Walker.....	Rosenwald.....	C. L. Phillips, Huntsville

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY

July 13, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please pardon this belated acknowledgment of your letter of June 21 relative to prizes for the stimulation and improvement of rural Negro schools in the South.

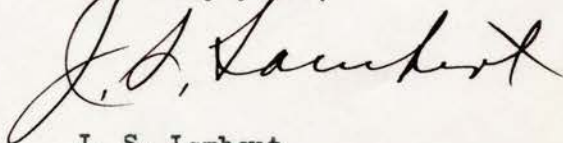
In Alabama, we have done little, I feel, in the last few years in the way of school improvement and beautification for Negroes. But, unquestionably, the year now closing has been the best in that direction. Our county training schools in particular have done themselves proud in the matter of beautification of school grounds, as well as improvement in some phases of better school equipment.

I note carefully what you have to say in the second paragraph of your letter about the withdrawal of prizes heretofore offered by the Julius Rosenwald Fund for improvement and beautification contests. I also note that you will continue to furnish bulletins for such programs at the expense of the Rosenwald Fund.

Of course, we expect to continue to improve our Negro schools in Alabama to the extent of our ability and shall be glad of any assistance of any kind which we receive from your philanthropic fund.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



J. S. Lambert
Director of Negro Education

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BATON ROUGE

July 21, 1937.

Mr. S. L. Smith,
Cotton States Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Receiving your nice letter commenting on our report on school improvement and beautification in Louisiana compensated us for whatever work or trouble we went to in preparing the report.

I am sorry we overlooked requesting you to send the supplementary elementary set of library books to Principal R. U. Clark, Rayne, Louisiana, on account of earning second place in the high school and large consolidated schools group and Professor B. E. Mullen, Dubberly, Louisiana, principal of the Central School, won the second prize in the elementary school group. To him you should send the supplementary elementary set as a prize.

We will need twenty-five honor certificates.

Yours very truly,

A. Lewis

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NRS (Rehab. Contest)

Contest
Miss

July 30, 1937

Dear Mr. Eckles: We are ready to ship the libraries as first and second prizes in the improvement and beautification contest just as soon as you make a report on the winning white schools in your state.

As we are ready to print the Honor Roll Certificates for the school winning first place in each county, it will help us to determine the number to be printed if you can give the approximate number you will need.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. W. G. Eckles
State Department of Education
Jackson, Mississippi

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NBS (Rehab)
Contest)
Negro

August 27, 1937

Mr. S. L. Smith
Director for Southern Office
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Cotton States Building
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have just completed a summary of the reports coming from the schools in the counties which participated in the Contest on the Improvement and Beautification of rural school plants.

This contest has not received the enthusiastic support in the local communities that we had hoped it would receive. Many counties reported improvements in the schools that had been made as a result of this contest. Most of the counties reporting, however, stated definitely that they did not wish to enter into competition with other counties for State prizes.

We are happy to report improvement and beautification of school plants in twenty-one (21) counties. Mr. R. V. Long, Director of the Division of School Buildings and Mr. A. G. Richardson, my assistant, concur with me in recommending the following schools for prizes and awards:

Ele. Antioch School, Prince William County, Miss Margaret V. Stokes, Principal, (Negro)
1st State prize. % County Supt. R. C. Haydon, Manassas, Va.

S. sup. Carey's Chapel School, York County, Miss Muscella E. Robinson, Principal,
2nd State prize. % County Supt. J. Ryland Sanford, Leesona, Va.

The following schools are recommended to receive the county awards which are (Negro)
Honor Roll Certificates:

Oak School - Fauquier County
Hamburg School - Mathews County
Shiloh School - Middlesex County
Terry School - Albemarle County.

In order to make the contest more effective another year, we have decided that in addition to the beautification contest we shall adopt a plan which has been suggested by Mr. Long. We hope that this plan will arouse greater interest and enthusiasm on the part of the people, in the improvement of rural school plants. In carrying out this plan it will be necessary to work through the agriculture instructors in each county where there is such an

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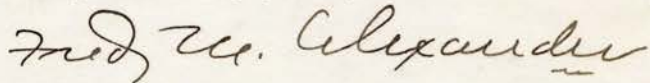
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Mr. S. L. Smith - August 27, 1937

instructor. The plan calls for the cooperation of the superintendent, the Jeanes teacher, the agriculture instructor, the patrons, and the pupils in making improvements on the school plants of which the communities will be proud.

We shall appreciate hearing from you with regard to the additional efforts to make the contest a success another year.

Very sincerely yours,



Fred M. Alexander
Supervisor Negro Education

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Copy to -
Mr. R. V. Long

files (Relief - contest)

Contest

August 27, 1937

Dear Superintendent Leech: The Committee of the Rural School Improvement and Beautification Contest in Mississippi has just reported to this office that the Union Colored School in Itawamba County has won first prize among the Negro schools of the state in the Contest, and is, therefore awarded the Elementary School Library Set given by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago by freight. I hope you will be on the lookout for it and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you as well as the principal, faculty and students of the Union School for your active interest and participation in this Contest. It is quite an honor for a school to be rated first in the entire state.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, School Plant
Committee

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Supt. D. E. Leech
Fulton,
Mississippi

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WRS (Rehab -
contest)

August 27, 1937

Dear Mr. Lawrence: Mr. P. H. Eason has just reported to this office that the Piney Ridge School has won second prize among the Negro schools of the state in the Improvement and Beautification Contest and is, therefore, awarded the Supplementary Elementary Library Set given by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago. I hope you will be on the lookout for it and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you, the faculty and students of the Piney Ridge School for your active interest and participation in this contest.

Sincerely yours,

SLS:MT

Mr. Laurence C. Jones
Piney Woods,
Mississippi

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NRS (Rehab -
contest)

August 27, 1937

Dear Supt. Gill: Mr. W. G. Eckles has just reported to this office that the Pisgah School in Rankin County has won first prize among the white schools of the state in the Improvement and Beautification Contest and is, therefore, awarded the Elementary Library Set by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago by freight. I hope you will be on the lookout for it and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you as well as the principal, faculty and students of the Pisgah School for your active interest and participation in this Contest. It is quite an honor for a school to be rated first in the entire state.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, School
Plant Committee

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Supt. J. B. Gill
Brandon,
Mississippi

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NKS (Rebel
contest)

Contest
miss

August 27, 1937

Dear Supt. Kennedy: Mr. W. G. Eckles has notified this office that the Stringer School, Jasper County, has won second prize among the white schools of the state in the Improvement and Beautification Contest and is, therefore, awarded the Supplementary Elementary Library Set by the School Plant of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago. I hope you will be on the lookout for it and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you as well as the principal, faculty and students of the Stringer School for your active interest and participation in this contest.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, School
Plant Committee

SLS:MT

Supt. J. M. Kennedy
Bay Springs,
Mississippi

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WKS (Relat - contest)

Contest
Miss

August 27, 1937

Dear Supt. Kennedy: Mr. W. G. Eckles has notified this office that the Stringer School, Jasper County, has won second prize among the white schools of the state in the Improvement and Beautification Contest and is, therefore, awarded the Supplementary Elementary Library Set given by the School Plant Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This library is being shipped to you from Chicago. I hope you will be on the lookout for it and see that it is delivered to this school.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you as well as the principal, faculty and students of the Stringer School for your active interest and participation in this contest.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, School
Plant Committee

SLS:MT

Supt. J. M. Kennedy
Bay Springs,
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