

Moton Regime Covers Years of Constructive Progress

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As the last notes of the Tuskegee Choir, resounded through the spacious Logan Hall, bringing to a close the 1934-35 scholastic year of Tuskegee Institute, there also came to a close the second act of America's great educational drama, entitled "Tuskegee Institute" and with it the administration of Robert R. Moton, its second President and successor to the world-renowned Booker T. Washington.

Behind the retiring President lay 20 years of constructive achievement, marked by the rehabilitation and enlargement of the plant to almost twice its previous size; the expansion of its course of study from high school to college grade; the increase of its endowment to more than four times its previous volume; and the spread of its influence in educational racial and social development from its native soil to those far-flung regions inhabited by vast populations of underprivileged peoples.

Enlarged Plant

Dr. Moton entered upon his duties as President of Tuskegee Institute, in December 1915. He had been in office less than a year when a disastrous fire completely destroyed the Boys Trade Building, which was educationally the very center of Tuskegee's life, a rambling structure that had grown by successive additions to house the latest courses in the Trade School. In two year time through the zealous efforts of the new President, on the spot where the old build stood were erected five new fire-proof buildings at a cost of \$350,000, with the best equipment available at that time for purposes of instruction. Soon there was pressing need of a new girls dormitory and James Hall was erected at a cost of \$100,000; after that a new dormitory for boys was erected to replace the old wooden barracks, at a cost of about \$100,000.

Meanwhile new buildings were added for the Agricultural Department of Women's Industries, from the gift of George Eastman, made just before the passing of Dr. Washington.

For years the water supply was an ever-recurring problem at the Institute until finally new wells were driven, a new reservoir constructed and the Institute was furnished with a water supply not only adequate for its daily needs but for emergencies of fire and drought. Following the special campaign for endowment, permanent improvements and operating expenses, three more new buildings were added to the school, a library costing \$250,000, a science building at the same cost and an auditorium-gymnasium, which with its equipment and general landscaping cost nearly \$300,000. Once more fire visited the campus, which aside from minor repairs, made necessary the rebuilding of a girls dormitory at a cost of about \$150,000. Altogether Dr. Moton's administration has seen the addition to the plant of as many minor buildings as graced the campus when he came which, with lesser additions and improvements has more than doubled the value of the material equipment of the institution.

Curriculum is Raised

All the time progress was being made in the educational program. When the first administration closed Tuskegee's work was on the high school level with a few students registered for what was called post-graduate courses. Eight years ago college courses were introduced with a view of raising the original vocational work from the high school to the college level. Today two-thirds of Tuskegee's students are registered in the college and pursuing courses leading to the bachelor of science degree whether in agriculture, business, education, home economics, nurse training or mechanical industries.

Tuskegee keeps her enrollment for the regular session at something like 1500, the limit of her dormitory capacity. Many hundreds are turned away, either for want of accommodations or for the lack of funds to aid them; but the demand for this type of education increases and more and more its value is appreciated both by educators and government administrators.

All Colored Radio Station for Richmond

Washington, D. C., June 23.—ASN—If a pending construction permit is granted, your favorite radio artist will come to you from a radio station owned and operated by Negroes. It is being built with the idea in mind of serving the colored population of Richmond and neighboring cities.

Omaha N. A. A. C. P. Split on Ruling

Omaha, Neb., June 29. (By R. C. White for ANP)—A ruling that "a branch office has no jurisdiction in removal of officers" which was handed down by Walter White, executive secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., has caused a distinct rift in the ranks of the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P., and a futile effort was made here last week to have delegates to the National convention instructed to seek to have Article X of the Constitution, upon which the ruling was based, stricken from the Constitution.

The case bringing about the rift, involved the action of a vice president of the local branch, C. C. Galloway, in connection with the brutal assault made upon one George Crumley by Melvin J. Levin, turn key at the city jail. According to the reports, Crumley had been arrested, charged with beating his wife, as he, along with his wife, was being carried to his cell, Levin whipped him unmercifully.

Levin was suspended from duty by the Chief of Police and it is alleged that C. C. Galloway interceded, asking that the officer be restored to duty, which was done. Sergt. Isaac Bailey filed a complaint against Galloway, charging that by his action he was "conniving to defeat the purpose for which the N. A. A. C. P. was organized" and sought his removal from office. When the matter was brought before Mr. White, he declared that under Article X of the Constitution of the national organization that the local branch could not remove the offending officer.

The members of the local branch expressed the feeling that since the body was empowered to elect its officers, that it should also be empowered to remove any officer guilty of flagrant misconduct. Leaders in the move to have the Constitution amended to provide this authority declare that a statement from assistant secretary Roy Wilkins, that the case in question was obviously a matter which the branch itself should have taken appropriate action, did much to the nullification of the plan.

Mussolini Influence Seeping Into U. S.

Chicago, June 23.—ANP—To further his aims to subject Negroes everywhere, Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy has set up a highly trained and organized propaganda bureau in the United States and from two centers, Chicago and New York, is spreading fascist views that can have only one effect, that of driving a wedge between amicable relations between black peoples in the United States.

This information was obtained from an Italo-American citizen, member of the antifascist movement being sponsored by intelligent Italian citizens of this country. Mussolini is using certain Italian daily newspapers to spread his campaign of hate against colored people and certain radio stations have programs entirely in Italian are being subsidized to further the cause of Italy in its fight to control Ethiopia.

For that reason, the Negro World Alliance of which Robert L. Ephriam, former Garvey organizer, is president, has launched a vigorous counter move here in Chicago. With the assistance of a liberal daily press which does not condone the practices of the Italian dictator, the World Alliance movement is gaining rapid grounds among both the intelligentsia and the common people of both races and meetings and demonstrations are well attended and supported.

Memphis High School Graduates 316

Memphis, Tenn., June 23.—(ANP)—Three hundred and sixteen young men and women, representing the largest class in the history of the institution, received certificates and diplomas from the Booker T. Washington high school here Tuesday.

Members of both races gathered at the exercises to hear the reports of the progress of the institution which began years ago in a one room frame building and now boasts of one of the most complete and modern plants in the Mid-South, and to hear the address delivered by Dr. J. F. Lane, president of Lane college, Jackson, Tenn.

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Governor Signed Civil Rights Bill

Trenton, N. J., June 23.—ANP—A campaign launched six months ago to enact the passage of Civil Rights Bill "with teeth" came to a successful end here last Friday when Governor Harold G. Hoffman, signed Assembly Bill 326, in the presence of Assemblyman J. Mercer Burrell, who introduced the measure.

Assemblyman Burrell introduced the bill at the beginning of the session in January, and continued a strenuous campaign throughout the state enlisting support for the measure. Many strong organizations including the state Association of N. A. A. C. P., both Democratic and Republican Branches political organizations, fraternal orders and hundreds of prominent individuals kept the members of the Assembly and Senate flooded with postcards, letters, and telegrams urging support of the bill. The bill passed the lower house by unanimous vote on March 19th, after some difficulty had been experienced in having it released from the judiciary committee for a vote.

The greatest difficulty was encountered in getting the bill out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Some members of this committee had first insisted on drastic amendments which would have greatly limited the benefits under Assemblyman Burrell's original measure. Finally a compromise was brought about whereby a slight reduction was made in the amount of minimum attorney fee requested in the Burrell bill, and it was mutually agreed to place jurisdiction in the Court of Common Pleas in counties where there was no District Court. The sponsor of the bill then introduced two further amendments making the features of the bill absolutely mandatory by the elimination of the phrase, "shall be entitled to receive," and substituting the word "bringing" in the part of the act referring to the payment of costs of court to the aggrieved party.

By reason of these amendments payment of full taxed costs to the aggrieved party and also of a minimum attorney fee of \$20.00 and a maximum attorney fee of \$100.00 was made absolutely mandatory on the court in the case of judgement. The amended bill passed the Senate without a dissenting vote, but encountered a last minute attack in the House, which was overcome by a legislative counter-attack which secured the full support of the speaker of the House and the majority and minority leaders.

Through the cooperation of speaker Lester H. Glee and Clerk Frederick Brodessa, the bill was given a favorable spot on the calendar and the house concurred in the senate amendments with no discussion and not a vote in opposition.

Assemblyman Burrell in a statement to the press, said, "we do not claim to have plugged all of the loop-holes in the civil rights law, but the act signed by Governor Hoffman will absolutely insure the prosecution of a meritorious action without the burden of expenses of trial, including payment of his attorney. Many points of legal obscurity in relation to jurisdiction in courts, the amount of costs and attorney fee to be paid, and the method of determining the amount of these payments are no longer questions of debate, as they are clearly set forth in this new act."

"The aggrieved party will be able to obtain an estimated maximum of both attorney fees and taxed costs of about \$125.00 when as a practical proposition there are few cases on record under the 1921 law where courts have allowed the aggrieved party any more than an average of \$5. to \$6. Much remains to be done to bring the New Jersey law up to the standards of the Levy law of New York, but public sentiment must be aroused by campaigns of education before any such legislation will stand a possible chance of passage."

Those who so ably assisted in arousing the colored citizens and many fair minded white in support of Assembly 325, have earned the thanks not only of myself, but of the entire race group in New Jersey."

Catholics to Meet in Washington Aug. 31

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 23.—(ANP)—The Executive Committee of the Federated Colored Catholics of the United States completed arrangements for the Eleventh Annual Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., August 31 to September 3, 1935.

This promises to be the largest gathering of colored Catholics in any year as invitations will be formally sent to the Interracial Federation to convene with the Federated Colored Catholics.

INCREASES ENDOWMENT

Tuskegee was established by an appropriation of \$2,000 by the Alabama Legislature for a normal school for the training of colored young men and women, but no provision was made for land, buildings or equipment. This made it necessary to appeal to the public for funds. From the beginning the work was locally supported by friends throughout the country, but always the needs of the school have been greater than its available resources and the head of the institution was compelled to spend the greater part of his time on the field in quest of the funds necessary to continue in operation and to support the ever-expanding program of activities. In this way at the passing of the founder, the plant had expanded in value to \$1,482,716 and the permanent endowment to a little more than \$1,800,000.

It was long realized that this method of financing the school deprived the institution of the necessary administrative oversight for its best development. In this mind, a special campaign was launched in 1927 for increasing the resources of the Institute. At the end of two years the school's endowment was increased to nearly \$9,000,000 and nearly \$2,000,000 were put into new buildings, repairs and general improvements. At the same time the annual budget for operating expenses was increased to nearly more than \$67,000 but this has been reduced during the economic crises, through which the country is passing.

Influence Extended

Paralleling the advance made in education, material growth and financial security, is the expansion in the influence exerted by the Institute. From its beginning Tuskegee Institute projected its activities into the life of the Negro race as a whole. Not only did it touch young men and women on the campus but it reached back into the homes and communities from which they came, with the improved methods in agriculture, a program for better home-life and general activities for the promotion of better health, business advancement, the buying of land, building of homes, the erection of schools and whatever interests vitally affecting the Negro race.

The leadership of Tuskegee Institute in work of this kind has continuously expanded and has extended the influence of its presidents led five presidents of the United States to seek his counsel and help in problems of administration where Negroes were concerned and to the establishment of the United States Veterans Bureau Hospital No. 91 adjacent to the Institute, representing one of the finest and most modern equipped institutions of its kind being operated by the government.

Find Convict Wanted For Murder

Montgomery, Ala., June 23.—ANP—James Glenn, convict from Montgomery county, has been identified through army fingerprint records, as Lee Somerville, wanted in Pickens county for the murder of two officers there nine years ago. Kilby prison officials announced this week.

Glenn was convicted in 1932 in Montgomery Circuit court No. 21 of assault with intent to murder and was sentenced to three and a half to four years in the penitentiary. While stationed at Camp C at Scottsboro, Glenn was found to be the same man wanted in Pickens county through a comparison of his army and prison fingerprint records.

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BIOLOGIST AT DILLARD

WITH a wide reputation as one of the most brilliant of the younger scientists, Dr. Charles Wesley Buggs was recently appointed to be in charge of the Biology department of the new Dillard University, which is to open in New Orleans in September.

Dr. Buggs made an extraordinary record at the University of Minnesota, where he was elected to Sigma Xi, National Honorary Scientific Society. For two years he held the Sherrin Fellowship at Minnesota for original research. For the past year he has been Associate Professor of Biology at Bishop college, Marshall, Texas.

(ANP PHOTO)

Shot By Clerk in Store

Chicago, June 29. (ANP)—Sandy Childs, 4630 Prairie avenue, a patron was shot and wounded Wednesday evening here by Thomas Knapp, white clerk in a grocery store at 128 E. 47th street, in an argument which nearly precipitated a race riot. Wabash avenue rushed to the scene in response to a riot call and averted any racial disturbances. As a result of being shot in both legs above the knees, Childs, may lose both legs, it was feared.

The man was shot, according to his story, following a dispute with the grocery clerk. Childs had left the store after buying some groceries. He remembered he hadn't ordered some sugar. Returning he asked for it.

Knapp, yelled angrily, "Why didn't you get everything while you were ordering." When Childs tried to offer an explanation, he was shot without warning. Arrested and charged with the shooting, Knapp didn't attempt to make an explanation of his action.

Murray's Race Dope

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Here the yare: Pelves Pride, Later On, Val J, Lorraine S, Indianole and Souer Blanche. They are fast, ready and due. Have the two bucks ready right on their boozers. See you at the track.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford, 2412 Coldwell, gave a surprise birthday party in honor of Mrs. Alford's sister, Mrs. Eula Melton, on June 19th. The party was at 1908 N. 28 Street. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Melton received many presents. There were twenty-nine guests present.

Physician Describes Conditions in Scottsboro

Knoxville, Tenn., June 23.—ANP—"The light of education is needed by both races in the section surrounding Scottsboro," declared Dr. O. B. Taylor, a representative of the Associated Negro Press, here last week upon his return from a trip to Memphis which led through northern Alabama and Mississippi.

"When we reached Scottsboro," continued the physician, "I could not resist the urge to get off and look around. I noticed scores of workers, white and colored, who had laid down their tools to take their daily look at the 'fast train.' An inquisitive passenger queried 'What kind of place is this' and another passenger obligingly answered 'All right for Negroes who know how to live here, which means doing what the white man wants and nothing else.' Hearing this statement, the inquiring passenger made haste to get back on the train and everybody felt better after the train moved out.

Special to The Omaha Guide.

Omaha, Nebraska. Gentlemen:

Below please find a list of my party sailing June 29th, for our tour of Europe, Asia and Africa. You will note there are 26 of us. I am very proud of my accomplishment in getting such a large group together. I am sure I am the only Negro doing this sort of work, surely the only one to successfully do so for such a long period. I feel that next year will find my number greatly increased, as my tours present a splendid opportunity for our group to enjoy the advantages and thrills of foreign travel. I shall have a picture of my party taken on the boat and send it to you from Paris.

Colorado Women's Federation Adds 55 Local Clubs

Denver, Colo., June 23.—ANP—Fifty-five new clubs have been added to the roster of the Colorado State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. This fact was made known here last week when the 32nd, annual session of the organization was held at the Campbell A. M. E. church.

Other highlights of the report of the year which brought to a close the administrations of Mrs. Rebecca M. Glenn, as president, were the contribution of \$4709.30 to charity, \$150.00 to education, \$90.00 for national dues. Mrs. Ruie M. Stewart, of Colorado Springs was elected president and also head of the State delegation to the meeting of the National body at Cleveland next month.

Woman Sentenced to Death for Murder

Houston, Tex., June 23.—(ANP)—Mrs. Neil Brooks, 40, convicted on a charge of murder in connection with the death of her husband, Will Brooks, a Pullman porter last May, was sentenced to die in the electric chair here last Tuesday.

The statement alleged she entered into a conspiracy to have her husband killed by a gunman in order to collect his insurance policies.

Following her conviction, the defense attorney, filed a motion for a new trial. Mrs. Brooks, a graduate of Prairie View college in 1905, was formerly a public school teacher and is the first woman to receive the death penalty in Harris county.

Howard to Help Needy Students

Washington, D. C., June 23.—(ANP)—Prof. Max Meeners, chairman of the committee on scholarships and student aid of Howard university announced Wednesday that 72 tuition scholarships for students of exceptional scholastic standing and employment for 125 students on the campus to cover tuition and board, will be available to needy students for the 1935-36 scholastic year. Applications should be filed before July 15.

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