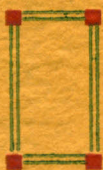


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Parents and guardians should carefully examine these cards as they indicate the progress the student is making in school.

## The Week at Institute

### THE DAILY SCHEDULE

Rising Bugle .....	5:30 a. m.
Breakfast .....	6:30
Study Period .....	7:00-8:00
Chapel .....	8:30
Recitations .....	8:30-12:00
Dinner .....	12:15
Library .....	12:45-1:16
Recitations .....	1:30-4:10
Military Drill .....	4:15-4:45
Supper .....	5:00
Evening Study Period .....	6:30-9:30
Lights Out .....	10:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING .....	6:30
LITERARY SOCIETIES—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS...	6:30

### THE SABBATH DAY

Young Men's Christian Association .....	8:15 A. M.
Sabbath School .....	9:30 " "
Young Women's Christian Association .....	1:30 P. M.
Song and Prayer Service.....	6:30 " "

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# First Corn Show and Local Industrial Fair at The W. Va. Colored Institute.

The first Corn Show and local Industrial Fair was held in the library of the West Virginia Colored Institute, December the 11th and 12th, with very flattering success. President Prillerman, Prof. A. W. Curtis, Agricultural Director, and Assistant N. A. Murray, labored earnestly to make this event a very impressive affair. The farmers and residents of the vicinity cooperated with the Corn Show management most cordially. The exhibits of cooking, canning, preserving, and the domestic arts and science placed for display by them, were very creditable.

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

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

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

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

At three P. M., all assembled in Hazlewood Hall, when the following program was given:

### Program

- Prayer.....Rev. D. C. Deans
- Singing.."The West Va. Hills"
- Remarks.....
- Pres. Byrd Prillerman
- Singing.....
- Hymn of the West Virginians
- Address.. Hon. M. P. Shawkey
- Singing..... America
- Award of Prizes .....
- Mr. B. B. Ezell
- Singing.....The School Song
- Judge of Corn, Mr. B. B. Ezell
- Judges of Woman Exhibits,
- Misses Amanda Gamble, C. Ruth
- Campbell, M. Mason Lowry, Mary
- E. Eubank.

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

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

After the song, President Prillerman introduced Supt. Shawkey. Mr. Shawkey immediately entered into the spirit of the occasion and spoke in a very happy strain. He expressed pleasurable surprise at the magnitude and quality of the Show, and hoped that it would serve to incite a spirit for improvement in agricultural affairs. He emphasized the fact that work, into which well directed earnest endeavor is placed, no matter whatever such work may be, is never drudgery. He advised the farmers that success in farming was due, in a great measure, to doing more and better every year than is done the previous year.

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

He was followed by Mr. B. B. Ezell who spoke very flatteringly of the School, and the corn show.

Mr. Ezell awarded the following prizes:

### Boy's Best Ten Ears of Corn.

First prize, \$2.00 to Conally Jones from A. W. Curtis and \$2.00 from Pres. Prillerman.

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

Third prize, one-half dozen linen handkerchiefs in leather case, to A. B. Cunningham from Barrett & Shipley Co.

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

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

### Best One Ear Of Corn.

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

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

### Men's Best Ten Ears of Corn

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

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



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

**Best Pumpkin.**

One silk neck tie to C. L. Wood-ey from Henry Smith and Co.

**Best Squash.**

One silk necktie, to Elijah Hurt, from Henry Smith.

**Best Peck of Apples.**

One four bladed pocket knife to Alfonso Finney, from Leowenstein and Co.

**LADIES PRIZES**

**Best Collection of Preserved and Canned Goods.**

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

Second prize, fifty cents, to Mrs. Mamie Murray, from Dr. R. L. Jones.

**Best Collection of Canned Vegetables.**

First prize \$1.50 in trade to Mrs. Mamie Murray, from R. A. Marshal.

Second prize fifty cents to Mrs. Florence Canty from N. A. Murray.

**Best Bread.**

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

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

**Best Jelly.**

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

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

**Best Needlework.**

First prize pair of scissors to Miss Mariah Eubank from Callison and Pierson.

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

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

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

“God helps them that help themselves.”

## The Second Annual Conference

Of Colored Agricultural and Mechanical College  
Presidents and Directors.

ATLANTA, GA., NOV. 16.—The Second Annual Conference of Colored Agricultural and Mechanical College Presidents and Directors, closed its session here yesterday.

Many noted visitors were present from Atlanta and various other parts of the country. Some of the most conspicuous were: Pres. Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Massachusetts; Mr. W. T. B. Williams of the Slater and Jeans Fund; Mr. W. A. Hunton, International Y. M. C. A. Secretary; Pres. John Hope, of Atlanta Baptist College; Rev. H. H. Proctor, of Atlanta, Ga.; Dean B. G. Brawley, of Atlanta Baptist College; Dean Adams, of Atlanta University; Rev. Dr. Rush, Atlanta Ga.; Prof. Samuel H. Archer, of Atlanta Baptist College; Mr. Floyd B. Jenks, Land Grant Specialist U. S. Department of Agriculture. Each and everyone seemed to have caught the spirit of the meeting. It was indeed a happy moment when so many men, representing

what is called the Institutions of higher learning could meet with those who represented the distinctly industrial idea and feel as a unit in the great cause of education.

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

The welcome address was made by Prof. G. A. Towns of Atlanta University which was responded to by Pres. Jason, of Delaware. The body then took up the program and reported by states upon the subject “How is My School Fulfilling its mission.” The reports were made in the following order



Alabama (Normal), Prof. P. C. Parks; Ala. (Talladega), Prof. T. J. Larkin; Delaware, Pres. W. C. Jason; Florida, Prof. F. A. Cordozo; Mississippi, Prof. J. A. Martin; South Carolina, Prof. B. F. Hubert; Tennessee, Pres. W. J. Hale; Virginia, Prof. C. K. Graham.

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

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

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

On Thursday afternoon the body was thrilled by three speeches delivered by three distinguished men: Mr. H. E. Strockbridge of Atlanta; Mr. Floyd B. Jenks, Land Grant College Specialist, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and Pres.

Kenyon L. Butterfield, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass. Each speaker emphasized the importance of Agriculture and of agricultural training. They all declared that the men teaching agriculture must be practical, but at the same very strong along academic lines, and that they should be so enthusiastic in their work that they will attract men to their respective fields.

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

Among the above speeches, reports were made by the committee on resolution and organization. Officers were elected for the ensuing year. Pres. Byrd Prillerman of West Va., was elected president and Prof. B. F. Hubert of South Carolina was elected secretary. After voting that the conference should be continued another year the meeting adjourned to attend a reception given by Pres. John Hope, of Atlanta Baptist College. Here opportunity was given to meet many of the faculty of Atlanta Baptist College in a social way. All went away under many obliga-

tions to the host for the splendid reception received.

Too much cannot be said of the interest and enthusiasm that President Prillerman put into the conference; for had it not been for his efforts it is very doubtful whether or not the meeting would have been a success. Thanks are also due the white and colored friends of Atlanta who made it so pleasant for the members of the conference. The members were cordially welcomed to attend the regular sessions of the National Conference of Agricultural College Presidents

and Directors, being held at the same time in the Piedmont Hotel of Atlanta. When it is considered that this was allowed in the heart of the south, we can for that reason alone feel grateful for the prospect that the future has in store for us as a race in the Southland.

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

#### Diviciacus.

Mr. J. H. Arnold, Mr. B. B. Ezell and Mr. O. M. Johnson spent Monday, December 9th, at the West Virginia Colored Institute, examining into the conditions of Farm Management at this institution. Mr. Arnold is an expert on Farm Management from the United States Department of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C. Mr. Ezell is an expert on Farm Management at The West Virginia University. About two years ago, the State Board of Regents secured the services of Mr. J. H. Arnold to give a general plan of Farm Management at the West Virginia Colored

Institute. He expresses himself as highly pleased with the efficient manner in which Prof. A. W. Curtis, Director of Agriculture at Institute, is carrying out the plan agreed upon. These three gentlemen went over the entire Institute farm and seemed most favorably impressed with the results accomplished by the scientific methods employed.

#### An Invitation to the Inauguration of the President of Howard University.

President Byrd Prillerman has been invited by the Trustees of



Howard University, Washington, D. C., to participate in the inauguration of Stephen Morrell Newman, A. M., D. D., as President of that University, Friday, December

13th. This is a distinct compliment not only to Mr. Prillerman, but also to The West Virginia Colored Institute.

## Hampton Institute Farmers' Conference.

WM. ANTHONY AERY

HAMPTON, VA.—Five hundred prosperous Negro farmers and homemakers from Virginia and neighboring states, attended the annual Hampton Institute Negro Farmers' Conference, which was held on November 20 and 21.

The recent conference was most inspiring to white and colored people who are interested in rural-life improvement. It shows beyond any question that the trend of education in Virginia and the South is to make the whole life of the community a part of the school's work and responsibility.

EXCELLENT EXHIBITS

The Hampton Institute Gymnasium, which will accommodate almost two thousand people, was filled to overflowing with excellent exhibits of vegetables and fruits; corn, wheat, oats, and rye; forage and

forage crop seed; cotton, tobacco, and peanuts; fresh and cured meats; poultry and eggs; bread, cakes, and pies; canned fruits and vegetables; plain and fancy sewing, hand-woven articles; dairy products; public-school manual training, domestic arts, and domestic science exhibits.

HAMPTON INSTITUTE EXHIBITS

That the Hampton School carries out in its own department the practical education for which its principal and workers have already stood, was shown by its own exhibits. The Whittier School, in which Hampton students receive their training for teaching, placed on exhibition mended shoes, re-caned chairs, black board erasers, yard sticks, book racks, a tea table, footstool, a magazine stand, and a panel screen. Its cooking and sewing exhibit showed clearly that the

colored children in this well-equipped school are receiving excellent training in the homecraft. The Whittier Home Garden Club placed some well-grown vegetables on exhibition.

The exhibition furnished by the Hampton Institute Manual Training Department included mended books, harness, and shoes, specimens of chair and stool-caning, and corn-husk articles. Other industrial and home-making departments of Hampton Institute furnishes artistic hand-woven rugs, stenciled pillow covers, and excellent specimens of cooking, sewing, and laundering.

DR. FRISSELL'S WELCOME

Dr. H. B. Frissell, principal of Hampton Institute, pointed out that some of Hampton's best graduates and ex-students came originally from the country district where they had learned kindness, thrift, and co-operation in helping their parents buy land and homes.

Referring to this recent trip through Gloucester County, Virginia, Dr. Frissell said that he was

glad to know that the Negroes have become landowners and the possessors of attractive homes; that they live with their white neighbors without the least friction; and that 90 per cent of them own and manage their own land. This progress has been secured through the leadership of Thomas C. Walker, who is a well-known Hampton graduate, and other devoted colored men and women.

ABLE ADDRESSES

Dr. Wallace Buttrick, of New York City, who is secretary of the General Education Board; Dr. Wickliffe Rose, of Washington, D. C. the administrative officer of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission; Bradford Knapp, Washington D. C., who has charge of the farm demonstration work; J. D. Eggleston, Richmond Va., state superintendent of public instruction; and many other prominent men and women delivered helpful addresses to the colored people who had come to the Hampton school for a two days course of instruction and inspiration.





## The Following Letter Has Been Sent Out by President Prillerman.

Institute, West Va., December 20, 1912.

My Dear Co-worker:

I am writing to solicit your special interest in the young men of that section. I am of the opinion that we are not doing all we can to have our young men between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five avail themselves of the opportunities offered for an education in this institution.

By our method of instruction, the student is enabled to secure a good English education, and at the same time, learn a useful trade. This school has graduated nearly three-hundred (300) young men and women who are usefully employed in this State and in other states of the Union.

The State will expend here this year more than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).

We have a faculty of well trained men and women. For moral character, they will compare favorably with any of the faculties of the best institutions in this country.

We have registered two-hundred and sixty-four (264) students this fall, but there ought of be a greater number of young men than we have. I should be glad to send catalogues to any young men whose names you may send me. I want only such young men as are capable of developing into good, useful citizens. I am sending you under separate cover a catalogue of our school. I shall be glad to have you read the account of the opportunities offered here. We must depend upon you, in a great measure, to lead the old people right and influence the

young people in the proper channels.

Again soliciting your interest in the matter of pushing the cause of Education in this State, I am

Most respectfully yours,

Byrd Prillerman,  
Pres. The West Va. Colored Institute.

## The Southern Trip of President Prillerman, and Mr. A. W. Curtis.

President Byrd Prillerman and Prof. A. W. Curtis represented The West Virginia Colored Institute at the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1912. While in attendance at the Association, they were guests at the Atlanta University, where a special Conference of the representatives from the Negro schools was held, Nov. 13th and 14th. On Thursday evening, Nov. 14th, President John Hope of Atlanta Baptist College gave a reception to the entire Negro delegation at his palatial residence. By special invitation of Dr. Booker T. Washington President Prillerman and Prof. Curtis went to Tuskegee Institute Friday morning, Nov. 16, where

they spent four days studying the methods of that great institution. Here they were treated with every courtesy and consideration. They were entertained at dinner Friday by Dr. and Mrs. Washington. They saw the foot ball game between Fisk University and Tuskegee Institute<sup>3</sup> Sat. afternoon. On Sunday they were invited to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Washington. On Monday evening, Mr. Warren Logan gave a dinner in honor of President Prillerman. At the request of Dr. Washington, President Prillerman spoke to the teachers and students in the Chapel Sunday evening, Nov. 17th. On Tuesday, Nov. 19th, they left for Montgomery, Ala., where they visited the first Capitol of the Confederate States of America, the State Nor-



mal School, and other places of interest. While here, they were the guests of Mr. V. H. Tulane, Cashier of the Penny Savings Bank. By invitation of President Patterson, President Prillerman spoke to the students of the State Normal School. Mr. Prillerman and Mr. Curtis went from Montgomery, Ala. to Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 20th. Here they were guests at Fisk University. They were also entertained by Prof. C. C. Poindexter, a graduate of The West Virginia Colored Institute, Dr. George E. Hayns a Professor in Fisk University, and Prof. W. S. Thompson, Principal of one of the city schools. While in Nashville, Mr. Prillerman and Mr. Curtis visited also the State Normal School, Walden University, Meharry Medical College, Pearl High School, and the Baptist Publishing House. They both spoke at the last two places. They next came to Louisville, Ky., where they visited the State University. Here they were the guests of Pres. and Mrs. W. T. Amiger. They

were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart. The next day they visited Lincoln Institute, or "The New Berea," near Shelbyville. On Nov. 23rd, they visited the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute at Frankfort. They visited the Department of Schools in the Capitol where they were most cordially received by Supt. Barksdale Hamlett. They returned home on the morning of Nov. 24th, after what they term the most pleasant and profitable trip of their lives.

On this trip, they found Institute graduates employed on the Faculties of the following institutions:

Mr. Jessie Fields on the Agricultural staff of Tuskegee Institute;

Mr. C. C. Poindexter a full Professor in Fisk University;

Mr. W. A. Brown, the State University at Louisville, Ky;

Mr. R. W. James, Director of Agriculture at the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute, Frankfort, Ky.



## "The Quest of the Silver Fleece."—A Review. . . .

By Prof. J. W. SCOTT,  
Huntington, West Va. ::

A book review should first of all give information on three points, namely, (1) what the author has set out to say, (2) what he has said, and (3) how he has said it. *The Quest of the Silver Fleece* is the work of W. E. B. Dubois and is regarded by many critics as a novel of stern realism. It is a novel with a purpose. It clearly shows the economic roots of many of the wrongs which beset us as a race. It shows the struggles—often against impossible odds—of the negro who desires to develop his personality. For the hero and the heroine he makes a strong plea. He does not leave the reader in despair for he ends the book with a hopeful outlook. In compressing a novel of 434 pages within the compass of ten pages it will be necessary to omit many of its interesting episodes and nearly all of its literary beauty.

Now the story is laid in the South and in Washington. Zora the heroine lived with her mother, a reputed witch, in a tumble-down cabin on the edge of a swamp in Alabama. Not far away is a school founded by Miss Sarah Smith. Zora cared nothing for an education until she met Bles Alwyn, a young student from Georgia not liking her rude manner and half-dressed appearance he shunned her for a while. One day she looked up into his eyes so wistfully that he talked to her of education and gave her a primer which she promised to study. One of Bles' teachers was a Miss Taylor who had come South not so much to teach Negroes as to study cotton for her brother John who was revolving a big scheme in his head. Miss Taylor liked Bles because he told her so much about cotton but she disliked Zora the child of the swamp who seemed to her incorrigible. Bles' beautiful description of cotton touched the poetic fancy of Miss Taylor and she told him the story of the Golden Fleece. After listening to the Grecian myth he slowly said



"All yon golden fleece is Jason's now. The Cresswells are thieves," Col. Cresswell was the largest landlord in that part of the state and owned 50,000 acres. 'Old pappy' the conjure man and preacher told her "Nuttin can buy de Cresswells—dey naturally owns de world." The next time Bles saw Zora he repeated the story of the Golden Fleece and proposed that they plant some of the silver fleece in the swamp, sell the crop and use the money to put her in school. Zora having mastered the primer was now fired with an ambition to become educated so she agreed quickly. By the moonlight they grubbed and plowed. Old Elspeth told them not to plant till the dark of the moon. When the time came she went with them down into the swamp and did the planting herself. In a serious conversation on purity, truthfulness and honor Zora promised Bles she would be just as good as a woman knows how. From that day on they walked together in a new world. Zora became a day student and Miss Smith's interest in her increased as Miss Taylor's declined. Zora watched her little island of cotton in the swamp. One day after a light shower had passed she found the island all sprinkled with green. "It's come, it's come. The Silver Fleece," she cried with joy.

While Zora is rejoicing over her sprouting cotton let us take up another thread of the story. John Taylor's scheme for cornering the cotton market was growing a pace. His sister spent her vacation North with Mrs. Grey the widow of a cotton merchant for whom Taylor had worked. She was now a philanthropist and interested in Negro schools. She announced at a big dinner her intention of giving \$750,000 for Negro education and that \$150,000 would go to the Smith school in Alabama. Miss Taylor immediately wrote Miss Smith who upon receiving the news thought that she might safely mortgage the school for \$5,000 to Col. Cresswell to buy some long needed land. He persuaded her to make it \$10,000 hoping thereby to get his hands on the property and shut up the school. When Miss Taylor returned South she chanced to meet young Cresswell who became interested in her despite the fact that she taught in a colored school. Soon John Taylor came South to confer with Col. Cresswell about his cotton combine. The whole scheme was unfolded and Cresswell agreed to go into it with the understanding that he would clear about \$1,000,000. While on this

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