

Plan for Erection of Rural Schoolhouses.

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(1) Money given by Mr. Julius Rosenwald.

(2) To be used in a way to encourage public school officers and the people in the community in erecting schoolhouses in rural and village districts by supplementing what the public school officers or the people themselves may do.

(3) As far as possible before beginning work in any county or community, the approval and cooperation of the state, county or township school officers is to be secured.

(4) In the erection of schoolhouses care is to be exercised to cooperate with the Jeanes Fund Supervisors and State Supervisors of Negro rural schools wherever possible the idea of such cooperation is to make one kind of work supplement the other. Later on it is hoped to do the work of building schoolhouses through the agency of any large school that might be located in that county; for example, when the proper time comes it might be possible and best to build schoolhouses, in Wilcox County through the agency of the Snow Hill Normal and Industrial Institute.

(5) The money is to be used in providing schoolhouses in the rural districts preferably the one-teacher schoolhouses on condition that the people shall secure from the public school fund or raise among themselves an amount equal to or larger than that given by Mr. Rosenwald which will not, in any case, exceed \$350 for each house. Traveling and other expenses in connection with working up interest in the schoolhouses, guiding the people in erecting them, is to be taken out of the amount allotted to each schoolhouse. In every case, the money given by Mr. Rosenwald is to be the partial payment for completion of building, including furnishing.

(6) The kind of building to be erected is to be approved by the Extension Department of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute and where required by State Department of Education.

(7) It is thought best at present to concentrate upon supplying schoolhouses for the following three counties: Montgomery, Lowndes and Lee in Alabama. One of these counties contains the capital of the State. It is thought wise for advertising and for the purpose of creating public sentiment to put the county containing the capital of the state and near-by counties in good shape first; by concentrating upon a few counties may serve the further purpose of bringing about a rivalry between the communities that will prove of value.

(8) It is also recommended that while at present these three (3) counties are to be concentrated upon, any exceptional communities and other counties in and out of Alabama will be considered.

(9) At present it is thought wise to confine the schoolhouse building to the State of Alabama with the view of getting experience that will enable us to render the best service for the least money, and in the shortest time possible. As stated, however, exceptions may be made to this general policy wherever it is thought necessary.

(10) That until further notice from Mr. Rosenwald, the plan shall be to construct about 100 rural schoolhouses at a cost to Mr. Rosenwald, representing his contribution toward the total cost, of not to exceed \$30,000; that not to exceed \$350 shall be paid by him for any one such schoolhouse; and that this offer shall be effective for a period of five years from August 1, A.D. 1914.

(11) Any publication to the effect that Mr. Rosenwald has promised to give dollar for dollar for rural schools for colored children in the South without limitation as to the number and location has been made without Mr. Rosenwald's authority or knowledge.