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## The Week at Institute

### THE DAILY SCHEDULE

Rising Bugle .....	5:30 a. m.
Breakfast .....	6:30
Study Period .....	7:00-8:05
Chapel .....	8:30
Recitations .....	8:30-12:00
Dinner .....	12:10
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

### THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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 " "



# Summer School

AT THE WEST VA. COLORED INSTITUTE

*Begins June 15, 1914*

*and Lasts Six  
Weeks*

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### EDITORIALS

**A** GAIN THE MONTHLY renews its mission of service in the interests of the West Virginia Colored Institute. It has heretofore attempted to do this, by presenting to its readers interesting data about the work of the school, the services that its graduates were giving to the state and nation, and the uplifting influence that its spirit was promoting for the public good.

Throughout the current scholastic year, we shall not recede from our established policy of placing the school squarely before our coterie of readers. We want every one of the 65,000 negroes of the state to know that here is the greatest opportunity for them to secure an education for life.

The institution has taken on new growth and higher ideals. She has outgrown her swaddling clothes, and has assumed the dignity of a molder and maker of men.

THE MONTHLY caters to no sect. It promotes no private interests. Its creed is, The West Virginia Colored Institute—the greatest force for the making of character and citizenship, among our people, in the state.

As of yore, our columns are open for the free and frank discussion of questions that are of interest and benefit to the Institution. We solicit contributions from our alumni and friends.

We like better to tell our readers what you are doing that is worth while, than you like to let us know the excellent

things you are doing.

That the minds of the patrons of Negro education are beginning to recognize this school as a serious and leading factor in the development of practical citizenship is emphatically evidenced to one whose pleasure it is to see the crowded condition that prevails here at the present.

A measure of pride is naturally felt by those who have worked for, prayed for, and guided the affairs of the School for years. The current year promises to be the banner year in results accomplished, as well as in numbers.

The lack of quarters, and a sufficient teaching force has aroused the active sympathy of those who are able to rectify these conditions, and steps are on foot even now, for relieving these conditions.

**T**HE society receptions in honor of new students, referred to elsewhere in these columns, were steps in the right direction. Too much can not be done, by these religious or moral societies, towards doing something to enlist the interests of the student body in the good they are trying to do. These functions tend to establish a feeling of comradeship, and sociability, that goes far to undermine the feeling of aloofness, that seems too often, to exist between the old and the new student. We hope that these societies may be persistently energetic in carrying their principles to each one of the students.

**T**HE MONTHLY introduces to its readers Miss S. M. McKinney of Washington D. C., and Miss Cornelia Spears of Powelton W. Va., instructress in English, and matron respectively.

These ladies fill the positions lately held by Miss Della M. Stewart of Oberlin, Ohio, and Miss Kate Carter of E. Orange, N. J.

Miss McKinney is a graduate from Oberlin College, and holds a B. A. degree. She is a teacher of experience, and comes well recommended for efficiency and character.

Miss Spears is a graduate of this School,

of the class of 1905. She is a teacher of ability, and has assumed the functions of her position with tact.

**P**ROF. J. Frank Marsh, assistant to the State Superintendent, was a business visitor the 3rd inst. Mr Marsh took occasion to confer with the Normal Faculty concerning a contemplated extension movement of the Normal Department.

THE MONTHLY readers will be further informed about this innovation as the plan is developed.

1. stitching
2. cushioning
3. etched
4. glazer
5. leather
6. quilder
7. leatherish
8. greenish
9. reasonable
10. ...
11. beautiful
12. beautiful





## A List of the New Students

Russel Carpenter, Virginia.	John H. Letman, Jamaica.
Mabel Cundiff, Pennsylvania	Martha Brooks, Maryland.
Guy Tyson. " "	Earnest Ndlazai, South Africa.
Arthur Whirles, West Virginia.	Mary Louise Smootz, West Virginia.
Sarah Williams, " "	Bernice Brown, " "
Clara Brown, " "	Dandridge Brown, " "
Hester W. Ferguson, " "	Iver L. Smith, " "
Harry Dixie, " "	Dennis Smith, " "
L. E. Fairfax, " "	Cecile Miller, " "
Queen Harris, " "	Nevanah Miller, " "
Eugene Holmes, " "	Henry Paynter, " "
Alphonse Simpson " "	Ross Peters, " "
Elizabeth Brooks, " "	Mary L. McGee, " "
Virginia Cobbs, " "	Sadie Sprow, " "
Minne Turner, " "	Estelle Holt, " "
Cedris Friend, " "	Laura E. Owens, " "
Theodore Johnson, " "	Albert R. Randolph, " "
Tazewell Johnson, " "	Ballard Early, " "
Mamie Burks, " "	Florence Edwards, " "
Gussie Wells, " "	Theresa Washington, " "
John Lockett, " "	Sallie E. Hale, " "
Willie Mae Hicks, " "	Marailoyd Snyder, " "
G. R. C. Crawford, " "	Cecilia E. Saunders, " "
Caroline Miller " "	Mabel Saunders, " "
Mrs. Alma Price, " "	Marie Turner, " "
Doyle Foster, " "	Oliver Hayden, " "
William Spearman, " "	Mamie E. Wade, " "
Lucy McGhee, " "	Cambridge Sheffey, " "
Wendell Chiles, " "	Charles Page, " "
Cornelia Gray, " "	Eva Bibbs, " "
Abner Campbell, " "	Carrie M. Watts, " "
Ophelia Kates, " "	Ethel Brown, " "
Essie Scott, " "	Flayvilla Prillerman, " "
Garnett M. Harris, " "	Maxwell Evans, " "
Sedalia Jones, " "	Nannie Martin, " "
Max Westerband, Danish West Indies.	Alice Brown, " "
Herbert W. Alvis, Ohio.	Daisy Saunders, " "
Madge Banks, " "	Myrtle Shelton, " "
Henry Fleming, South Carolina.	Emmett Cunningham, " "
Adelaide Crawford, Virginia.	Eula Allen, " "
Mozetta Miller, " "	Addie Foster, Ohio
	William Colbert, West Virginia
	Lee C. Scott, " "
	Anna L. Watt, " "

Conference of Representatives  
of the Negro Land Grant Colleges\*

Representatives of the Negro Land Grant Colleges will hold a Conference at the Young Men's Christian Association building, 1816 Twelfth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Wednesday and Thursday afternoos, Nov. 12 and 13, 1913.

Byrd Prillerman, Chairman,  
Institute, W. Va.  
B. F. Hubert, Secretary,  
Orangeburg, S. C.

## Necrology

MCVEY JOHNSON.

McVey Johnson, son of Jacob and Mattie Johnson, was born at Talcot, W. Va. June 4. 1892, and died at Institute, W. Va., Sept. 18, 1913, age 21 years, 3 months, and 14 days. He was a student of the West Virginia Colored Institute, three years. He belonged to the present Junior Class.

McVey had been suffering from tuberculosis for several months but he was patient. He realized the end was near, and professed faith in Christ several days ago.

Dolly Blue, " "
Bessie Handy, " "
Nannie Stout, " "
Russell Lewis, " "
Rosa Riddle, " "
Agnes Vaughn, " "
Virginia Harden, Virginia
Mildred Atkins, West Virginia
Inez Spurlock, " "
Mabel Cardwell, Pennsylvania
Verna Harvy, West Virginia
Helen Cross, " "
Walter D. Clarkson, " "
Lilly Kelly, " "
Iren Bowe, " "
Amaza Harris, New Jersey
Gloria Turner, West Virginia
Henry Coles, " "
Aaron McKenney, " "
Frank Noble, " "
Eugene Evans, " "
Isiah Bausley, " "
Maceo Simpson, " "
Clarence Hill, " "
Eva B. Collins, " "
Mattie Thornton, " "
Etta Henderson, " "

The time has come when the earnest and thoughtful white people of the South have determined to face the problems involved in race relationship, and to cooperate with each other, with the colored people themselves, and with friends in the North, in promoting better conditions than have existed since reconstruction days.

—JAMES H. DILLARD, L.L. D.



He leaves a mother, father six sisters, and four brothers to mourn his loss.

### Our School Crowded.

The West Virginia colored Institute is crowded to its utmost capacity. The registration for the fall term has reached 322 against 277 for the entire of last year. Every room in all the dormitories is taken. Five girls sleep in the Matron's parlor, and <sup>11</sup> in the President's house. The Board of Control has ordered the steam laundry in the girls domestic science building dismantled in order to make sleeping room in this building for girls. More than 100 of these students are new. It is quite noticeable that the lowest classes in school are the smallest. The senior class numbers more than 40. There are still many new students and old waiting to enter as soon as room can be made for them.

Great stimulus was given to the work of the institution by the recent visit of Governor Hatfield and members of the State Board of Control and State Board of Regents.

### The West Va. Colored Institute Courses Strengthened

The West Virginia Colored Institute opened its fall term Wednesday, September 17, with the largest enrollment in the history of the school. On the second day, there were registered 260 as against 200 the second day in 1912. On October 1, just two weeks after school had opened, the registration had reached 314 students from nine states of the Union and three foreign countries.

The fact that graduates of The West Virginia Colored Institute are admitted to the freshman year in the leading universities of the North and West on their records from Institute is bringing the institution in great favor with colored young men who wish to prepare for college or the professions. Last year three graduates from our state school pursuing courses of study at the State University and the Ohio State University at Columbus. Mr. Basil Braxton of Fayette county, who graduated from the West Virginia Colored Institute in 1910, finished a three years' course in pharmacy at Michigan University in two years. Mrs. Nellie Lewis-Brown took a course designing at the McDowell School in Boston, and full credit was

given for her training in dress-making at the West Virginia Colored Institute. The Normal course has been so improved as to require 12 units of academic work, 9 units of industrial work, and 4 units of professional work. In keeping with the demand of the United States Government. Students who go out from The West Virginia Colored Institute are required to have thorough training in Agriculture and Domestic Science and Arts. Almost any girl who spends two years at the institution is prepared to make her own dresses. There is quite a growing sentiment among the young women in favor of making their own clothes. Their interest in reducing the cost of their clothing is quite noticeable. A member of last year's class had a pattern of blue serge which a tailor offered to make up for \$22.00. This young woman then decided to make up the pattern herself, the cost to her for the entire dress being \$10.00. It was noticeable that one of the graduates attending a reception of the Summer School had on a dress of her own make which cost her 49c. This same young lady had another reception dress of her own make which she offered to sell for 39c. Many of the young graduates worked at

their various trades this summer, some as carpenter, some as blacksmiths, some as cooks and seamstresses, and others on the farm. A member of the last year's class has been employed as teacher of blacksmithing in the State School of Delaware.

Many parents in the state are awakening to the great advantages offered at the State School near Charleston, and are beginning to buy land and build houses in the immediate vicinity of the school. There is room for a great many more. An interurban line now runs from Charleston to St. Albans and it is a very easy matter for one to cross the river and take line for either town. The interurban line between Charleston and Dunbar promises to be extended to Institute within few months. Persons who wish to give their children the best educational advantages possible will do well to take advantage of the opportunity to buy land near the school while the price is reasonably low.

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound,

But we build a ladder by which to rise.



A LETTER FROM PROF. McGRANAHAN,  
President of Knoxville College.

Knoxville, Tenn.  
September 23, 1913.

To the President of the  
WEST VIRGINIA COLORED INSTITUTE.

Dear Sir:

Your letter came telling me that the two representatives, Prof. Spriggs and Miss Eubanks, would be here at our Conference. We have had one of the best Conferences I ever attended anywhere. I am so glad that you sent these representatives. I believe it will bear good fruit in your school, as they took a very deep interest in the work and will be able to carry back to you the best of the Conference. They are splendid people and I am so glad to get acquainted with them. How I wish I could come into closer touch with your Faculty. I do hope that sometime I may be able to stop as I am going back and forth. But as I have my hands full together with my teaching as well as with other duties I do not have much opportunity in that line.

I want to thank you very heartily for sending these two representatives.

Hoping that your work goes on prosperously in every way, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

R. W. McGranahan,  
President Knoxville College.

THE EDITOR OF *The National* WRITES  
to President Prillerman.

Boston, Mass.  
September 26, 1913.

To the President of the  
WEST VIRGINIA COLORED INSTITUTE.

Dear Sir:

Your kind favor at hand and contents noted. It will be a great pleasure for me to visit your institution if time will permit while I am in Charleston, October 7. I remember very well your contribution to the *National* and am looking forward to meeting you on my trip to West Virginia, and am counting on your enthusiasm and hearty support in making the West Virginia state number of the *National* one of the best we have ever published. Will have about 60 pages of illustrated material and will want a sketch concerning your institution.

With best wishes, believe me

Yours sincerely,

Joe Mitchell Chapple,  
Editor *National Magazine*.



## STATE SUMMER SCHOOL for COLORED TEACHERS Closed its Session.

The state summer school for colored teachers at the West Virginia Colored Institute closed its 4th session Friday, August 1, 1913. The seven weeks' session, which began Monday, June 16th, was full of interest from the first day to the last, and had a fitting climax in a musical concert given on the last day by the Tuskegee Institute band. This splendid organization, consisting of 47 members, had made a tour of Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, and President Byrd Prillerman is to be congratulated on securing their services with which to close the summer school.

There were 54 teachers in attendance upon the summer school from the states of West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. There were 68 enrolled in the teachers' institute besides a number of visiting teachers. Among these were some of the best trained and most capable teachers in the state—Prof. J. Rupert Jefferson of the Sumner high school of Parkersburg; Prof. J. W.

Robinson, A. M., of St. Albans; Rev. E. C. Page, of Montgomery; Mrs. E. M. Dandridge, one the oldest teachers in the state; Prof. L. R. Jordon, principal of the Water Street High School, Clarksburg; and Rev. J. J. Turner, of Mt. Carbon. These teachers were very earnest, and have undoubtedly returned to their several fields of labor much better qualified for their work than when they entered the summer school.

The new features of the summer school this session were domestic science under the direction of Miss Mary Eubank, and public school music under the direction of Miss Ethel B. Spriggs. Great interest was shown in these two subjects both on the part of the instructors and those who took the subjects. The other instructors were Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, Washington, D. C., sociology; Prof. J. D. Coleman, of the Bluefield Colored Institute, elementary branches; Prof. E. A. Boiling, of the Lewisburg public school, elementa-

ry branches; Mrs. Fannie Cobb-Carter of The West Virginia Colored Institute, methods and manual training; Prof. J. W. Scott, principal of the Douglass high school, Huntington, English; Prof. A. W. Curtis, of The West Virginia Colored Institute, agriculture; Prof. Charles E. Mitchell, of the West Virginia Colored Institute, book-keeping and manager of the boarding hall, and Prof. Byrd Prillerman, director of the summer school.

Lectures were given by Prof. L. J. Corbly, president of Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va., Mr. B. B. Ezell, farm demonstrator for Kanawha county; Hon. M. P. Shawkey, state superintendent of free schools; Dr. Harriet Lounsbery, of Charleston; Dean E. D. Saunderson, of the College of Agriculture, the West Virginia University; Dr. R. L. Jones, of Charleston; Miss Ethel Grose, teacher of elocution and history in Philomouth College, Oregon; Dr. J. N. Deahl, dean of the department of education, West Virginia University; Dr. H. F. Gamble, of Charleston; Mrs. Nelly Lewis-Brown, of Boston, Mass.; Mr. J. H. Arnold, specialist in farm management, of the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Charles Siphax, of Howard University, and Mr. J. Frank Marsh, secretary of the state

board of regents, who had just returned from an extensive tour of Europe.

The following is a list of those in attendance:

Miss Theresa Wall, Hill Top; Miss Louise Smithers, Hinton; Miss Nannie Adams, Staunton, Va. Miss Geraldine Leggins, Coshocton, Ohio; Miss Margaret L. Joyce, Cambridge, Ohio; Miss Mary E. Jones, Charleston; Mrs. E. M. Dandridge, Institute; Miss Johnsie Lowrie, Keystone; Mrs. Emma Griffin, Beckley; Miss Bessie Cundiff Homestead, Pa; Mrs. Hassie Gray, Charleston; Miss Amelia Wilcher, Charleston; Mr. Summer Mills, Kile; Miss Mamie Hopkins, Charleston; Miss Inez Johnson, Institute; Miss Rebecca M. Peck, Ronceverte; Miss Revella Hughes, Huntington; Mrs. Ollie Whitlock, Institute; Miss Lillian Foster, Institute; Miss Alice Meadows, Institute; Miss Maude Viney, Charleston; Miss Clara Hill, Alderson; Mrs. Amanda Brown, Institute; Mr. Thomas Taylor, Buckhannon; Miss Etta B. Hall, Montgomery; Miss Katie Brown, Montgomery; Miss Hattie Peters, Sissonville; Mrs. C. W. Lee, Concord, Va.; Miss Adele Freeman, Shepardstown; Mrs. V. B. Edwards, Bluefield; Miss Mary Dickerson, Huntington; Miss Catherine Booker, Hinton; Mrs. F. D. Railey, Montgomery; Miss Henri-



ta James, Red Star; Miss Josie Barnett, Huntington; Miss Florence Hurd, Huntington; Miss Lena Rice, Charleston; Mrs. Julia Wilkerson, Montgomery; Miss Ethel Brown, Montgomery; Miss Nannie Cobbs, Keystone; Mrs. Fannie Anderson, Mt. Hope; Miss Carrie Fairfax, Powellton; Miss Cornelia Spears, Holden; Mrs. Mary Williams, Charleston; Mrs. Florence Bolling, Lewisburg; Mrs. Frances Bradley, Moorefield; Miss Ida Jackson, Charleston; Miss Grace Roberson, Charleston; Miss Aileen Harper, Keystone; Miss Lottie Claytor, Fayetteville; Mrs. Emma Irving, Charleston; Mr. E. A. Bolling, Lewisburg; Mr. Hughston Brown, Hughston; Miss Georgiana Brown, Sun; Miss Memphis Carter, Ennis; Mrs. Ettice Clemons, Red Star; Mrs. Janie Calloway, Mt. Hope; Mrs. M. E. Davis, Red Star; Mr. George Hurt, Institute; Mrs. Minnie Hurt, Institute; Mrs. Hassie Howard, Institute; Miss Myrtle Irving, Charles-

ton; Prof. J. R. Jefferson, Parkersburg; Mr. Jas. McHenry Jones, Institute; Miss Eva M. Jones, Columbus, Ohio; Miss Evie L. Johnson, Huntington; Mrs. Arthelia Jordon, Clarksburg; Mrs. Lucy F. Lowry, Institute; Mr. DeWitt Meadows, Institute; Miss Lucy McGhee, Huntington; Miss Emma Meadows, Institute; Mrs. Nicey M. Moore, Buckhannon; Mr. W. J. Napper, Institute; Mrs. Zaphra Napper, Institute; Rev. E. C. Page, Montgomery; Mrs. Eva Pack, Institute; Rev. J. W. Robinson, St. Albans; Miss Eva Rotan, Fayetteville; Miss Sedonia Rotan, Fayetteville; Miss Bertha Rotan, Fayetteville; Mrs. Agnes Sinclair, Bancroft; Miss Lorena Sinkford, Keystone; Rev. J. J. Turner, Mt. Carbon; Mr. Thomas Woodley, Institute.

The next session will begin June 15, 1914.

“Be sure you are right.”



## AROUND THE INSTITUTE

The enrollment to date is 322. The number of states and foreign countries represented in this enrollment are not tabulated yet, but this information will be given in the next issue of the Monthly.

The students occupy every bit of available space about the school. A number of trunks have an abiding place—roomy if not secured—on the porches of some of the buildings.

Mr. C. E. Mitchel, business manager, is on a business trip to Washington D. C. and other points.

Quite a number of distinguished visitors were present at the Lincoln Bust unveiling September the 29. Among them were Drs. Gamble, Jones, Ellis, lawyer Carter, Professors Boyd, Clarke, Editor Gilmer, State Librarian, Sanders, and Rev. Carrol of Charleston. Prof. Railey and Rev. W. Brown of Montgomery were some of the distinguished visitors from other points.

The thoro repairs made on At-

kinson Hall gives quarters decidedly more comfortable and cleanly to the boys and teachers in the building. A well will be sunk in the immediate vicinity of this building, thus adding to the conveniences of the boys.

The old boys, had their hands full for a week or more showing the new boys the ropes and breaking them in to the written and unwritten customs of the boys' dormitory.

The new crowd of boys present some likely looking timber for the foot-ball and baseball teams. About 30 boys have come to try for the elevens. Sub-coach Davis is putting the squads thru mild practice.

The various Societies have organized, and have about settled down to business. The names of the various officers will be given in a later issue of our paper.

The reception given by the Y. W. C. A. to the new coeds on the night of the 25th of September was



a social success. An enjoyable evening was spent, and the new girls were welcomed and made to feel at home.

The Y. M. C. A. entertained in McCorkle Hall for the new boys on the evening September 26. A program, was rendered. A. C. Ellis of the president's office welcomed the young men quite cordially. The response for the new boys, was made by H. M. Paynter.

The Faculty Reading Circle was organized Monday evening the 6th. S. H. Guss was relected for the third year the director of same. Misses Amanda Gamble, and Charlotte Ruth Campbell, respectively, were elected Secretary and treasurer for the current year.

Dr. R. L. Jones, the school physician read an instuctive paper on "Some Foods and their uses". The doctor's thesis, was highly appreciated by the Reading Circle. President Prillerman introduced the doctor and was acting chairman of the evening.

Joe Mitchel Chapple, Editor, author, orator, was a distinguished guest of honor at the Institute for a short time the afternoon of the 7th inst. Great credit is due the President for prevailing on Mr. Chapple to pay the Institution a

short visit.

Mr. Chapple is the famous editor of the "National Magazine", the author of "Heart Throbs" and other works. He is an orator of national reputation.

The school regretted very much that he could not prolong his visit.

Prof. Benjamin F. Hubert of the State School in Orangeburg, S. C., and Rev. John W. Quinton of Jefferson county, West Va., visited the West Virginia Colored Institute with a view to studying the methods pursued by that Institution.

Mr. Hubert is pursuing a post-graduate course in Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, and on his return home stopped to visit the West Virginia Colored Institute. President Byrd Prillerman and Prof. Hubert are Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Conference held annually by the representatives of the Negro Land Grant Colleges. The next meeting will be held in Washington, D. C., in November, and they are furthering their plans to make this meeting the best one yet held.

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 "O what a tangled web we  
 weave, when first we practice to  
 deceive."



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