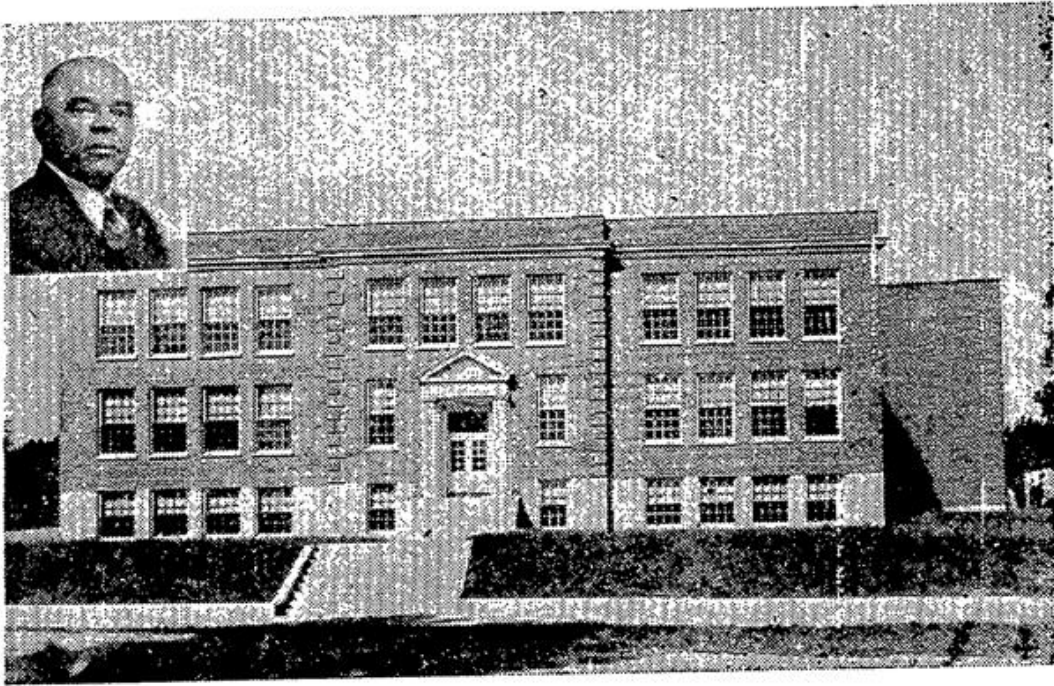


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# *Editorial Comment*

## **OUR COVER**

The new Oliver Street High School of Winchester has just been completed. It is said to be one of the most attractive modern buildings in the state. It has 29 rooms, and is equipped with the latest conveniences. The new addition was erected at a cost of \$40,000 and the entire building is at present valued at \$58,480.90. This school has been one of the most progressive schools in our state and is under the efficient leadership of Prof. G. W. Adams.

## **THE SCHOOL YEAR—1940-41**

We welcome all new teachers into the profession and extend to these and others who worked heretofore, greetings and best wishes for a successful school year during 1940-41.

During the school year, the K. N. E. A. will sponsor certain activities for the professional improvement of teachers. We shall continue through our representation on the State Retirement Board of Directors to safeguard the interests of our teachers. Our cooperation with the N. A. A. C. P. for removing the inequalities in education will continue. A special effort will be made to bring before our various communities the building needs for colored youth in Kentucky. There is an urgent need for better school buildings. A general comparison of the buildings for colored and white children will reveal this situation.

We shall sponsor during the school year a State Spelling Contest. The secretary will shortly send out a list of words and the rules for elimination contests in the cities and counties and for the final contest in Louisville, April 18, 1941.

We shall send out the K. N. E. A. Journal and make it as large as funds permit. A program for the 65th Convention in Louisville, April 16-19, will be arranged, bringing to us, as heretofore, educators of national reputation.

Our legislative program will include plans to urge a large appropriation for the Kentucky State College at Frankfort and an additional curricula, such as business, engineering, and aviation. We shall push forward the program of vocational training at Paducah, Kentucky. There should be certain vocational schools on the junior college level. Our high school graduates should have advanced training in electricity, plumbing, carpentry, auto-mechanics, home economics, dressmaking, etc. It is possible to secure federal aid for these courses at this higher level. Both types of schools are needed to adequately serve all the youth of our state.

The program outlined merits the support of every colored teacher in Kentucky. Send in your 1940-41 enrollment, one dollar, to the secretary as soon as possible.

## OUR KENTUCKY SUPERINTENDENTS

The secretary of the K. N. E. A. would like to commend the superintendents of Kentucky for their interest in the Kentucky Negro Education Association. As one may note in the Honor Roll published herein that many superintendents have sent in the enrollment fees of their colored teachers to the K. N. E. A. secretary just as they have sent in the fees of their white teachers to the secretary of the K. E. A. Each year the number of superintendents who show an interest in the K. N. E. A. increases. It is hoped that the superintendents will mention enrollment in the K. N. E. A. when they address their colored teachers. Some superintendents have some teacher or principal to see that the fees are collected and sent to the K. N. E. A. Secretary. Many superintendents look forward to receiving their honor roll certificates for the 100 percent enrollment of their colored teachers in the K. N. E. A.

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### THE K. N. E. A. TREASURY

The K. N. E. A. Treasury is at its lowest ebb during the last 18 years. The meager balance shown in the financial report is not sufficient to publish a comprehensive "Annual Proceedings" in our October-November Journal as heretofore. The balance does not permit our K. N. E. A. office to operate in the usual manner performing the services of previous years. The membership fees of the Association, approximately \$1,500, permit only the expenses of our annual program, speakers fees, meeting places, etc., expenses of our annual spelling contest, the publication of three Journals and the clerical hire for the maintenance of the office of the Secretary-Treasurer. Any other activities of the association that require expenditure of funds **regardless of the worthiness of the activity** should only be planned with some provision for raising the revenue needed for the added obligations. The voting out of any sum without provision for raising that sum is faulty financing, and unless this practice is discontinued, it is possible that the K. N. E. A. will go backward from the standpoint of its present educational activities—the alternative being to have the association assume objectives of a nature different from heretofore.

Because of the situation outlined principals and organizers are asked to collect fees for 1940-41 as soon as possible. We call upon you in this emergency.

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### JOSEPH S. COTTER, SR.

Joseph S. Cotter, Louisville Negro poet, and the principal of the Samuel Coleridge Taylor School in Louisville, is the author of a play in blank verses, "Caleb the Degenerate," recently published by Henry Harrison.

The play is a study of the contrasts between culture and degradation



found among members of a Negro group. A review of the book, in the New York Dramatic Mirror, says that "Joseph S. Cotter is one of the few American Negroes who have turned their hands to the making of serious literature. He is the principal of a ward school in Louisville and he owes his education and his position solely to his own efforts. A play from such a man demands attention, particularly since the author has chosen to write his own people and of subjects that lie close to his heart."

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Wednesday, November 13—Developing Human Resources  
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# Minutes of the General Sessions of 1940 Convention

## Louisville, Kentucky, April 17-20, 1940

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### FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Wednesday, April 17, 1940

The K. N. E. A. met on the above date and place for its 64th annual convention. Mr. J. Bryant Cooper, Vice President of the K. N. E. A. presided and made the welcoming address. Past Presidents and officers of the K. N. E. A. were seated on the rostrum. A response was made by Miss Carrie D. Murray, of Carlisle, Kentucky. Two main addresses featured this program, that of President S. L. Barker of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of Sedalia, North Carolina. President Barker reviewed the activities of the K.N.E.A. during the past year and urged that teachers of Kentucky assume their responsibilities in doing things which would improve the educational status of the colored children of Kentucky and tend to eliminate inequalities in educational opportunities.

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown was fittingly introduced by Dean David A. Lane of Louisville Municipal College. Dr. Brown discussed the theme of the convention, "Democracy in Education" and stated that democracy was a state of being where an individual could have an expression for the benefit of the majority. She said that 20 years ago we fought to save the world for democracy and that today we are trying to save democracy.

### SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Thursday, April 18, 1940

The Second General Session was held on the above date at which time reports were made by the Necrology Committee, Mr. Amos Lasley, Chairman, and the Legislative Committee, Mr. A. E. Mayzeek, chairman. The feature address was made by Dr. Rodney H. Brandon of Batavia, Illinois. Dr. Brandon spoke on the subject of "How to Keep Boys Out of Prison." He stated that education and Sunday School attendance were the best of insurance against going to prison. Professor S. L. Barker presided at this session.

The report of the Legislative Committee outlined the work of that committee and emphasized what had been done by that committee toward equalization of educational opportunities in the higher education of the Negro in Kentucky. Professor Meyzeek explained how the Governor's Committee was a result of a movement begun by the K. N. E. A. Legislative Committee.

### THIRD GENERAL SESSION

Thursday Night, April 18, 1940

The Third General Session opened with Professor S. L. Barker, presiding with presidents of the various district associations seated on the rostrum. A report of the Nominating Committee was made by the chairman, W. E. Newsome,

and received by a general vote of the body. President R. B. Atwood of the Kentucky State College then made a summary of the report of the Governor's Committee regarding higher education of the Negro. President Atwood's report indicated that some progress was made in having Kentucky State College have an appropriation for giving those courses which would tend to equalize the offerings of Kentucky State College with those of the University of Kentucky.

For the interest which President Atwood took in this committee and the general improvement of Kentucky State College during the past year, he was awarded the Lincoln Institute Key Award by J. Mansir Tydings of Lincoln Institute. The feature address was given by Langston Hughes, poet, novelist, and dramatic artist. Mr. Hughes was fittingly introduced by Mr. Robert Lowery, chairman of the English Department of the K. N. E. A. Mr. Hughes used his poems as a basis for his address in developing the topic "The Doors of Tomorrow." A highlight of his address was his tribute which he paid to the Mothers of the children of today who toil to see that their children have better educational opportunities than they had. Mr. Hughes urged the teachers who have our youth not to lose courage and faith because of the depression. He stated that we should stress the achievements of our race and the progress which has been made so that we may be encouraged to have faith in the future.

## FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

Friday, April 19, 1940

The Fourth General Session opened with a band concert under the direction of Mr. Otis Eades of the Kentucky School for the Blind. The invocation was given by Rev. M. B. Lanier of Simmons University. The Secretary-Treasurer made his annual report. The Secretary showed receipts of the fiscal year up to April 1, 1940 which amounted to \$3,033.39, and payments that were \$2,476.56. There remained a balance of \$556.83 in the bank and along with the Research Committee balance, the final balance was \$609.97. The Secretary pointed out that he planned to retire from office in the near future because of the increasing demands made upon his time by the growing activities of the association. He pointed out that he had sent out from the office during the year three K. N. E. A. Journals, newsettes, many letters and kept the K. N. E. A. office open at all times.

The Auditing Committee made its report in which it was stated the report of the Secretary-Treasurer was correct in detail. The committee went on record as commending the Secretary on the excellent records which he kept. Mimeographed copies of the Secretary-Treasurer's report were distributed throughout the audience at the time of this report.

The feature address of this session was made by President H. Council Trenholm, Executive Secretary of the American Teachers Association. President Trenholm outlined the work of that or-

ganization and urged Kentucky teachers to take out membership in it. He explained in his address that the unified effort was necessary on the part of the Negro teachers in the United States to bring about equal educational opportunities. Special music was rendered by Jackson Junior High School of Louisville. During the convention various schools were on the program: Central High School, at the Wednesday night General Session; Madison Junior High School, on the Thursday night General Session; and Lincoln Institute, also on the Thursday night General Session. Various individuals gave solos as listed in the April, 1940, K. N. E. A. Journal.

#### **FINAL GENERAL SESSION**

**Saturday, April 20, 1940**

This session of the K. N. E. A. was given over largely to business. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Prof. Carl M. Burnside of Monticello. The first order of business was the report of the election committee. The following officers were declared elected: S. L. Barker, President; V. K. Perry and Lyle Hawkins, Directors; Atwood S. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Theda Van Lowe and J. Bryant Cooper, first and second Vice President; Miss L. V. Ranel, Assistant Secretary; and Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, historian.

The amendment for increasing the membership fee from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per year was defeated (115 votes having been registered against it and 48 in favor of it). Both amendments for making the Board of Directors of the K. N. E. A. more representative of the

state received approximately a hundred votes each but since the amendments were conflicting and teachers voted on both of them the chair ruled that there were not any new amendments to the Constitution at the 1940 Convention. The Association by vote sustained the ruling of the president.

Professor H. C. Russell then made his report for the Advisory Committee and also spoke of N. Y. A. work in Kentucky.

The next report was that of the Committee on Higher Education for Negroes in Kentucky. This report was made by Dr. J. T. Williams of Kentucky State College and was adopted by the body by final count of 25-15 votes. It was then moved and seconded that departmental reports be handed to the Secretary without being read at the general session.

A motion was then passed that the Committee on Educational Inequalities be given \$12.90 additional, thus making a total of \$512.90 allowed the Committee on Educational Inequalities of which Mr. L. W. Gee is chairman. The \$12.90 of this amount was used for the expenses of the meeting of this committee and the balance of \$500.00 was authorized for a donation. A motion was then passed that a committee be elected to set up the program for the purpose of raising \$5,000.00 to be used in the promotion of education equality in Kentucky and that this committee have control in the use of this fund, officers to consist of the chairman, a bonded treasurer, and a secretary. It was then moved and seconded that this committee consist of Mr. L. W.



Gee, chairman, Mr. R. B. Atwood, Miss Helen Noel, Miss Sadie Yancey, and Mr. F. A. Taylor, along with the presidents of the district associations.

A motion was passed that the business meeting of the K. N. E. A. be held annually on Friday of the convention at 2 P. M.

A resolution was passed that the Board of Directors be instructed to work out some plans by which the members of the K. N. E. A. may have access to the seats at the programs during night sessions of the convention and that if advisable an admission be charged the general public.

It was moved and seconded that the K. N. E. A. go on record as favoring and urging the passage of the Federal Anti-Lynching Bill and that U. S. Senators and Representatives of Kentucky be so advised. It was then moved and seconded that Prof. L. W. Gee read the report of his committee regarding the expenditure of funds by the committee on Educational Equality. It was moved and seconded that K. N. E. A. aid the paying of expenses of the department heads to the national and sectional meetings. This motion was lost.

A motion was carried that the report read by Mr. Gee be adopted. A motion was then passed that a Parliamentarian of the K. N. E. A. be elected.

A motion was carried that the expenses of the Equalities Committee be paid by the K. N. E. A. A motion was carried that the K. N. E. A. not furnish from its treasury money for the Principals' Banquet.

A discussion followed and a motion prevailed that Prof. P. L. Guthrie and President S. L. Barker be the official delegates of the K. N. E. A. at the meeting of the American Teachers Association in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, during July, 1940. A motion was passed that the K. N. E. A. donate \$10.00 to the Association for the study of Negro life and history. A motion was passed that K. N. E. A. pay an affiliation fee of \$25.00 to the American Teachers Association for 1940. A motion was made that K. N. E. A. will go on record as endorsing Mr. O. M. Travis of Monticello, Ky., as a candidate for the National Secretary of Education of the A. M. E. Church. This motion was lost. A motion was passed that the president appoint a K. N. E. A. Committee to evaluate the Association.

The 64th Convention closed about 2 p. m. on this date, April 20, 1940.

L. V. RANELS,  
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Winchester, Kentucky.  
ATWOOD S. WILSON,  
Louisville, Secy-Treas.  
S. L. BARKER,  
Owensboro, President.

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#### EXTRACTS FROM DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. The High School and College Department of the K. N. E. A. under Dean J. T. Williams reported an interesting panel discussion of which G. D. Wilson, Louisville Municipal College; Paul Guthrie, Principal Dunbar School Lexington; Wm. H. Perry, Principal Madison Junior High



School Louisville; and Theodore Dailey, Education professor at Kentucky State College, were chief participants. The discussion was designed to show what Kentucky Negroes might do to facilitate the growth of education in Kentucky.

2. The Elementary Education Department reported three interesting sessions under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lucy Hart Smith. Several demonstrations were reported and the music groups from Louisville and Jefferson County Schools made the programs quite outstanding.

The Annual Spelling Contest conducted by G. H. Brown was won by Evelyn Spencer of Lynch. The first prize of \$25.00 was donated by the Courier-Journal. Julia Wilford won the second prize of \$10.00 which was donated by the K. N. E. A.

3. The Rural School Department under leadership of Mrs. M. L. Copeland reported a very large attendance. A feature address was by P. D. Fancher, Superintendent of the Union County Schools. Mrs. Emma Bennett of Jefferson County cooperated in making the program a success by furnishing music from the Jefferson County Schools.

4. The Music Department of the K. N. E. A. held interesting sessions under the leadership of Miss R. Lillian Carpenter. On Wednesday, April 17th, there was presented a one hour program by Louisville artists and musical groups. On Thursday, April 18th, a similar program was presented by representatives from various Kentucky cities. The highlight of

the 1940 program was a demonstration and resume of a study made in Louisville schools on the use of Negro music in public schools.

5. The Vocational Education Department of which Mr. Whitney M. Young of Lincoln Ridge is chairman, reported a session that was featured by a discussion relative to employment opportunities of Negroes. It was brought out that civilization cannot prosper if everyone seeks executive jobs. If vocational teachers can instill the right attitude toward the vocations, we have done a good job. There are 4,000,000 youths out of work, and 10% of this number are Negroes.

6. The Principles' Conference held its annual banquet at Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. on Thursday, April 18th. Mrs. Nora H. Ward-DeRamus of Newport was the chairman and directed a discussion on "Defeating Delinquency Through Adjustment." The feature address was made by Mr. Carl C. Lyles, principal of Lincoln High School of Princeton, Indiana, he having been fittingly introduced by Mr. Clyde C. Ligin, Principal of Virginia Avenue School in Louisville.

7. The Kindergarten-Primary Department met at Dunbar School of Louisville under the chairmanship of Mrs. Blanche Elliott of Greenville. Music and reading demonstrations were followed by discussions. Mr. C. H. Johnson of Wilberforce made a special address on the Teaching of Art.

8. The Youth Council of the K. N. E. A. held its second annual session under the sponsorship of

Miss Eunice Singleton of Louisville. There were 30 delegates enrolled from various Kentucky High Schools. Addresses were by C. L. Harris, Newport, and H. C. Russell, Louisville. Misses Bettie L. Whitenhill and Edwyna Offutt of Louisville were elected as representatives to the National Convention of the Youth Council.

9. The Art Department under the chairmanship of Miss Ouida Wilson conducted an art exhibit at Dunbar School in Louisville. An address on "Techniques in Art Training," by C. H. Johnson, Director of Art at Wilberforce University, was the feature of the session.

10. The Social Science teachers under the chairmanship of Mr. Rufus Stout reported an interesting panel discussion on Teaching of Social Science to present-day youth. The feature address was by Floyd W. Crawford of Louisville Municipal College.

11. The Science Teachers' Conference under the chairmanship of H. B. Crouch reported a program featuring the theme, "Science Instruction and the Community." Dr. C. M. Young, Director of the Negro Health Center in Louisville cooperated with Dr. Crouch in making the program a success.

Mr. J. R. Pate of the Bureau of Venereal Diseases from the State Department of Health, also participated in the program. Prof. Cabel Merritt of Richmond was elected Chairman of the Conference for the ensuing year.

12. Mr. Robert S. Lawery reported that the English Teachers' Conference had one of its best

meetings during the past convention. Mr. Langston Hughes was on one of the programs and discussed the works of contemporary Negro writers, and how they might be used effectively in the literary course of study in our schools.

The One-Act Play Contest was won by pupils from Madison Junior High School, directed by Mr. Blyden Jackson. The proceeds of \$14.60 were divided among the schools participating to help meet expenses.

Miss Lena Mae Weathers, a student at Louisville Municipal College, won the first prize in the Creative Literature Contest.

Mrs. Virgil Ford, of Maysville, was elected chairman for the ensuing year.

13. The Librarians and Teacher-Librarians held a two-day conference under the chairmanship of Mrs. Naomi Lattimore, a librarian at Louisville Municipal College. The general theme was "The Library and the Child." The discussions were featured by suggestions on how to meet the needs of Negro children in Kentucky for library facilities. Mrs. Helen Kean, L. B. Jett, Mrs. Viola Chenault led special discussions during the conference.

14. The Physical Education Department was under the directorship of Lamont Lawson, Vice-Chairman, who served in the absence of Mr. Lorenzo Jones, who was ill. A symposium of Physical Education in Kentucky was opened by Mr. Robert M. White of Kentucky State College. Various educators of the state participated in the discussion that followed and emphasis was placed on bet-

ter physical education programs and facilities in the Negro Schools in the state. A demonstration in coaching was given with the varsity players of Kentucky State College.

Mr. William Summers of Harrodsburg was elected the new chairman.

15. The Guidance - Workers' Conference had two interesting sessions under Miss Marguerite Parks of Louisville. The principal address was made by Mrs. Gaye M. Peters, State Secretary of N.Y.A. on "Guidance Possibilities in a Student Work Program." Mrs. Peters was introduced by H. C. Russell, Assistant State Supervisor of N. Y. A. Interesting accounts of work of N. Y. A. students were given by Mr. E. W. Whiteside and Mr. W. M. Thomas. Music was rendered by the Boys' Glee Club, Mr. Carl Barour, director. The second session featured an address on "Attitudes

as a Factor in Vocational Adjustment," by Mr. L. B. Jett.

16. The Foreign Language Teachers' Conference under the leadership of Mrs. Hazel Brown Williams reported an exhibit of Foreign Language materials. The feature addresses were made by H. M. Jason of Kentucky State College, and Miss Juanita Offutt of Louisville, Kentucky.

17. The Adult Education Department under the leadership of Mr. Lyle Hawkins reported an interesting meeting during the K. N. E. A. on April 18th and 19th. Mr. William E. Johnson presided at the conference. The main addresses were by Mr. A. O. Harris, Area Supervisor of W. P. A. Schools; Mr. Homer Nichols, Director of Special Education in Kentucky; and Mr. George Woolfolk, Principal of Adult Negro High Schools of Louisville. All the discussions emphasized the progress and needs in the Adult Education program.

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## Resolutions of the 1940 Convention

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### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Resolutions of the sixty-fourth annual session of the Kentucky Negro Educational Association suggests the following Resolutions for 1940:

#### 1. Democracy in Education.

Our Association has chosen for this year a theme which is of vital importance to all Americans. Plans to carry out this theme are largely in the hands of the con-

stituency of this Association. The teachers of Kentucky are aware of the Democratic ideals for our schools, and it is therefore expected that this organization will give its strong support to the maintenance of principles of democratic education in Kentucky for Negroes. Democracy sets its standards high and requires that all of its citizens share equally in the distribution of all the privileges and opportunities which it has to offer. This is true, regardless of race, creed or color or of the so-



cial strata of life in which its people live. With the years of experience which you have had, you have learned to detect when opportunities are being denied. We urge that you give your entire support not only to the teaching of the true principles of democracy, but to the practice of these doctrines.

## **2. Salaries.**

Discrimination in salaries between Negro and white teachers has existed for years and is pointed out by every student who has made a survey of this subject. So often has this fact been emphasized that we are sure that that there is not a teacher in the Commonwealth who is not familiar with this condition. The Association must place greater emphasis upon this discrimination and must use all of the power at its command to eliminate the racial differentiation in salaries in independent, county and city schools. Organized effort in this direction will prove to be tremendously more effective than if we attempt to go about improving this condition single-handed.

## **3. Enactment of Teacher Retirement System.**

We find that the 1940 Legislature has made effective a Retirement System for teachers by appropriating \$500,000 per year. This is the first time that such legislation has been placed on the Statutes in Kentucky. This will begin operation July 1, 1940, and by 1942 sufficient funds will have been accumulated to begin payments to teachers eligible for retirement. By this act, Kentucky has joined the ranks of the most progressive

states in education. A new urge will be created among teachers to do their best since there is the reward of security after a life has been spent in service for the training of youth.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation, the efforts of all who have supported the movement that has made real the hope for security in old age. Teachers can lift their heads after this altruistic consideration for it can be felt that the educational rating of our state will be raised because of this type of thought and action.

## **4. Report of the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Equalization of Higher Educational Opportunities for Negroes.**

The Governor's Advisory Committee has gone extensively into the study of the problems of higher education that affect Negroes in Kentucky and has made a report which should be read and studied by every progressive teacher. This report goes far in its efforts to educate the entire population of Kentucky, as to the status of the Negro, and makes definite recommendations for a program that will improve the present conditions. In fact, it is explanatory within itself, and those who are interested in equalization of higher educational opportunities for Negroes, would do well to thoroughly acquaint themselves with this report. This information will place you in a position to intelligently work for an equalization of higher education. This committee is to be commended for its diligent research and the broad-minded manner in which it has made its report.

### **5. Rural Education.**

The child who lives in a rural community in Kentucky frequently does not have available to him opportunities for schooling on a par with those of the city child. In regard to the Negro rural child, he suffers inequalities for being both rural and Negro. The continued migration of the Negro population from the farms to the cities has only served to aggravate the situation by creating a sparsity of Negro school children. This Association must continue to keep the facts in this situation ever before those who make our laws and administer our educational system.

### **6. Poorer School Districts.**

There are a number of school districts in the State of Kentucky which, although levying the maximum school tax upon its citizens, are able to raise an amount of money for each school child that is only one-fourth or one-fifth the amount which some richer school districts are able to raise for each child by levying only a small tax upon its citizens. A remedy for this situation should be sought and found. The 1940 Legislature has proposed that the people of the state vote upon a constitutional amendment that would permit one-tenth of the state school fund to be used as an equalization fund for the poorer school districts. This proposal should meet with the hearty support and approval of this Association.

### **7. Job Education.**

The economic status of the Negro in Kentucky is low. This situation exists because to a large extent Negro workers are able to find most of their employment in

those jobs that pay the lowest wages, are not organized for collective bargaining and fall outside the benefits of the Social Security laws. This entire problem is a matter that presents itself for the consideration of this Association, and it is most forcefully presented at this time because the job situation within the race seems to be getting worse instead of better.

In this connection the appointment by Governor Johnson of a state commission on Negro Employment is noted with pleasure. It is hoped that much tangible benefit will accrue to our group as a result of the work of this commission.

### **8. Health Education.**

There is a great need for more Health Education among Negroes in Kentucky. For the period 1927-1931 the death rates among Kentucky Negroes were twice as high as among Kentucky whites, and the Negro birth rates were consistently lower than white birth rates during the same period. Teachers can and should become distributing agents for health information in our schools and communities. They should do everything possible to bring about better health opportunities and information in the entire state. One state of our Union on this same subject, has this to say, "Slightly more than half of the population of Mississippi (2,010,000) is Negro. Members of the Mississippi Senate are, in keeping with Southern views, all white. Last week a law passed by the Senate and awaiting final enactment did nothing to foster good feeling between



the races. The law was to provide free textbooks in the public schools. Two provisions of the law angered Negroes. One called for storing books for Negro and white children in separate storehouses; this was advisable, according to one senator, "because of the prevalence of syphilis and tuberculosis among the Negro population." These are flimsy excuses for discriminations, but like other contagious diseases, they may spread. Let us fight with might against the spread of such prejudices.

#### **9. Federal Aid to Education.**

The differences in the amount of wealth possessed by certain states of the Union and the unequal distribution of the child population in proportion to the supporting adult population have caused growths in inequalities of educational opportunities among the States of the Union. Our Federal Government has an obligation to see to it that every child of the nation should receive equality of educational opportunities. Furthermore, the American people move from state to state and a person who serves his childhood in one state may live as an adult in another. His efficiency as an adult is dependent upon the education which he received as a child. It has been recommended, therefore, by the National Education Association, that the Federal Government aid the States in providing education for the people. A bill to this effect has been introduced in the United States Congress on several occasions, but thus far the legislation has not been passed. This Association should join in the battle for passage of appropriate legislation in

this connection. The Association should insist that whatever legislation is passed, there are included adequate safeguards to prevent any discrimination whatsoever in the expenditure of these funds after they reach the several states.

The State referred to in Article 8 has this to say in similar matters referred to in its own legislature: The other provision established different sets of textbooks for white and Negro schools. The idea behind this, said the Senate Education Committee, was to eliminate instructions for voting from civic books to be distributed to Negro pupils. Let us do everything we can to prevent this condition from becoming acute in our own state, and thereby hold up the true principles of Democracy in Education.

#### **10. The Fiscal Year.**

It is recommended that the K. N. E. A. fiscal year be from May 1st of one year to April 30th of the next year.

Be it also resolved that all new officers assume the duties of their office on May 1st after the convention.

These recommendations were made by the Auditing Committee of the K. N. E. A.

#### **11. Textbooks.**

It is requested that we ask the State Board of Education or the Textbook Adoption Commission to put on the adoption list a Negro History for use in High Schools.

Signed: J. H. INGRAM,  
Chairman Resolutions  
Committee

Note: This report was unanimously adopted at the general session on Friday, April 19, 1940.

# Report of the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Equalization of Higher Educational Opportunities For Negroes

(By R. B. Atwood, Secretary)

A study of the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court indicates that it is the opinion of the Court that a state should provide equal educational facilities within the state for all its citizens regardless of race. Study of the laws in Kentucky indicate that, by law, the State has accepted the principle pronounced by the Supreme Court of the United States, and that there is no conflict in the Kentucky law and the principle recognized by action of the Court. Examination of facts indicate that the spirit of the law is not being carried out in Kentucky, since there are in some areas facilities provided for higher education for white persons which are not provided for Negroes.

Equalization of educational opportunities does not necessarily imply identical opportunities, but equalization should be a fact. Equalization will be carried out when the state, by specific acts, provides higher education facilities in accordance with demonstrated needs of the persons to be served. Equal rights before the law to pursue those courses in higher education, which will meet his individual and social needs, should be given to every citizen, irrespective of race. The recommendations which follow are based upon this principle.

Study of the Negro population in Kentucky indicates (1) greater emphasis should be placed upon making farm life more attractive

for the Negro population; (2) opportunities for preparation to enter a greater variety of occupations should be provided; (3) facilities for training for leadership in public health work and in social service work should be provided; (4) opportunity should be given for special preparation at the graduate level for certain groups; (5) facilities are needed for the education of smaller groups for such professions as Law and Engineering; (6) and further study will probably reveal other areas of emphasis.

These needs may be met through the employment of four agencies; (1) the program of the Kentucky State College may be expanded so that it will provide for more effective training in Agriculture, Business Administration, Industrial Arts, Teacher Education, and the like, at the undergraduate level, and extended so that a year of graduate work may be offered in the field of Education, and possibly other areas; (2) through cooperative planning with the Louisville Municipal College, preparation for Public Health Work, Nurse Training, and training in Social Service Administration is possible; (3) through exchange of faculty personnel; and (4) pending further development of the State program, those needed areas at the graduate and undergraduate level not provided at Kentucky State College, or in the Louisville Municipal College,

must necessarily be provided for the student in other ways, including possible future modification of the Day Law.

1. Since Kentucky State College is a land grant college, it is recommended that this college participate to a greater extent than at present in the Agricultural Extension program, through greater participation in formulating the extension program which serves the Negro farmers, and through greater participation in the selection of the extension personnel who administer to those needs.

2. There should be provided a Department of Industrial Arts at the Kentucky State College, which should have as its aims: (1) to prepare teachers of trades and occupations, and (2) to prepare technicians and workers in the field of mechanical arts.

3. There should be provided at the Kentucky State College a Department of Business Administration for the purpose of preparing persons for the operation of business enterprises and the curriculum should be directed to meet the needs of Negroes in business.

4. The laws in Kentucky provide for permanent certification only upon condition that the teacher completes one year of graduate work, and to meet this need a curriculum leading to the Master's degree should be provided at Kentucky State College in the field of education, when the State Board of Education deems the need to be sufficient, and upon a standard which requires full graduate rating.

5. The Louisville Municipal

College, due to its location, seems to offer the best opportunity for the establishment of facilities for the preparation of workers in Public Health, in Nurse Training, and in Social Service Administration. It is recommended that the State Board of Education be empowered to work out a suitable cooperative arrangement with the Louisville Municipal College in providing training facilities in the fields of Public Health, Nurse Training, and in Social Service Administration.

6. It is recognized that the present program of the Kentucky State College is inadequately housed, and that before the above program can be achieved in its entirety, this condition must be remedied, and to that end it is recommended:

(a) That a classroom and administrative building be erected as soon as the funds for this purpose can be made available.

(b) That a modern elementary school plant be provided, to be used as a laboratory school for training teachers for Negro elementary schools, and

(c) That adequate library facilities be provided.

7. Additional needed legislation to carry these recommendations into effect should be passed.

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#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON A PROGRAM OF EQUALITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Committee commends the "Report of the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Equalization of Higher Educational Opportunities For Negroes," but recognizes, however, that the report was



a proposal and statement of minimum essentials.

The Committee recommends that the program as outlined by the Governor's Committee be regarded only as a step towards the realization of a more fundamental program of equalization which will guarantee the Negro youth full equality of opportunity in higher education within the borders of the state. It is further recommended that efforts in this direction do not cease until all the

implications of the Gaines Decision have been complied with in the State of Kentucky. If court action is found to be necessary in order to carry out this recommendation, then the appropriate steps to bring about such action should be taken.

Members of the Committee:

E. T. BUFORD  
 DAVID A. LANE, Jr.  
 W. W. MADDOX  
 E. W. WHITESIDES  
 J. T. WILLIAMS, Chm.

## Secretary-Treasurer's Financial Report

April 1, 1939 to April 1, 1940

To the Board of Directors and Members of the K. N. E. A.:

I submit herewith the financial report of the Kentucky Negro Education Association.

RECEIPTS from April 1, 1939 to April 1, 1940

(Deposited in Lincoln Bank, Louisville, Ky.)

|                                                                            |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Balance as per report, April 1, 1939.....                               | \$ 602.13         |
| 2. Additional Enrollments at 1939 convention (Total for year 1469) .....   | 649.00            |
| 3. Advertisements in 1939 Convention Program .....                         | 87.50             |
| 4. Courier-Journal Spelling Bee First Prize.....                           | 25.00             |
| 5. G. H. Brown, Additional Spelling Bee Prizes, Donated....                | 16.50             |
| 6. Supt. H. W. Peters, Refund Voting on Retirement Plan....                | 42.00             |
| 7. Door Receipts 1939 Musicale at Quinn Chapel.....                        | 75.75             |
| *8. Net Receipts 1939 Pageant at Armory, April 15, 1939....                | 510.50            |
| 9. Eunice Singleton—Net Receipts Youth Council Program..                   | 5.80              |
| 10. Lucy Pearl Jordan, Payment for Scholarship Loan.....                   | 20.25             |
| 11. Redeposit of Returned Checks, Lincoln Bank.....                        | 53.96             |
| 12. Dr. William Bright, Science Teachers' Luncheon.....                    | 19.00             |
| 13. Mrs. Hazel B. Williams, English Teachers' Luncheon....                 | 12.00             |
| 14. Advertisements 1939-1940 K. N. E. A. Journals .....                    | 98.00             |
| 15. Advance Enrollments, 1939-1940 (Enrollments before April 1, 1940)..... | 816.00            |
| <b>Total Gross Receipts.....</b>                                           | <b>\$3,033.49</b> |

\* Separate report of duplicate receipts to schools, ticket windows, stores, etc., and all bills paid and cancelled checks submitted to Auditing Committee.

| K. N. E. A. PAYMENTS—April 1, 1939 to April 1, 1940 |                                                                         |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| April                                               | 1 Mildred Shortt, Clerk—March 1 to April 1.....                         | 20.00  |
|                                                     | 1 Bush-Krebs Co.—Cuts of speakers, etc.....                             | 7.70   |
|                                                     | 3 J. E. Riddell, P. M.—Office Postage.....                              | 12.00  |
|                                                     | 3. J. E. Riddell, Permit 332 Programs .....                             | 16.00  |
|                                                     | 4 Office Expense Fund and Supplies, Petty Cash .....                    | 25.00  |
|                                                     | 12 J. D. Stewart, Auditor's Expenses.....                               | 7.12   |
|                                                     | 12 P. L. Guthrie, Auditor's Expenses.....                               | 8.12   |
|                                                     | 12 M. J. Sleet, Auditor's Expenses.....                                 | 14.05  |
|                                                     | 12 G. H. Brown, Spelling Bee Expenses.....                              | 2.00   |
|                                                     | 12 R. L. Dowery, Director's R. R. Fare.....                             | 3.60   |
|                                                     | 12. Whitney M. Young, Director's R. R. Fare.....                        | 1.10   |
|                                                     | 12. Lyle Hawkins, Director's R. R. Fare.....                            | 1.00   |
|                                                     | 13. Elsie Austin, Speaker's Fee and Expenses.....                       | 29.50  |
|                                                     | 13 Dr. J. Kenneth Little, Speaker's Expenses.....                       | 50.00  |
|                                                     | 13. Attorney Charles Houston, Speaker's Expenses.....                   | 85.00  |
|                                                     | 13. Mrs. Nettie Black, Principal's Banquet.....                         | 39.00  |
|                                                     | 13. Jeannette L. Black, Luncheon Expenses.....                          | 28.00  |
|                                                     | 13. Dr. H. D. West, Science Department Speaker's<br>Expenses .....      | 10.00  |
|                                                     | 14. J. R. Bacon, Speaker Athletic Department.....                       | 15.00  |
|                                                     | 14. E. Camp Warrick, Speaker High School Department                     | 20.00  |
|                                                     | 14. Will M. Cook, Speaker, Foreign Language-English<br>Department ..... | 28.90  |
|                                                     | 14. Lyle Hawkins, Expenses Adult Education<br>Department .....          | 15.00  |
|                                                     | 14 L. V. Ranels, Assistant Secretary's Expenses.....                    | 8.35   |
|                                                     | 14 Treasurer of Quinn Chapel—Convention Rental....                      | 65.00  |
|                                                     | 14 Willie L. Lawless, First Prize Spelling Bee.....                     | 25.00  |
|                                                     | 14 Nannie D. Burman, Second Prize Spelling Bee.....                     | 10.00  |
|                                                     | 14 Edna M. Foley, Third Prize Spelling Bee.....                         | 5.00   |
|                                                     | 14 Cash—25 One Dollar Spelling Prizes.....                              | 25.00  |
|                                                     | 15 Ed Rogers— Central High Janitors.....                                | 17.00  |
|                                                     | 15 Wm. Ferris, 1939 Convention Publicity.....                           | 10.00  |
|                                                     | 15 W. H. Fouse, President's Office Expenses.....                        | 20.00  |
|                                                     | 15 Louisville Leader, Convention Publicity.....                         | 20.00  |
|                                                     | 15 Dr. Wm. J. Bright, Science Conference Expenses....                   | 4.00   |
|                                                     | 15 Times-Journal Publishing Co. 1939 Convention<br>Programs .....       | 118.00 |
|                                                     | 15 Lincoln Bank—Returned Check—no account<br>(wrong bank) .....         | 19.00  |
|                                                     | 15 Mary E. Crenshaw—Taxis for Blind School Band..                       | 4.00   |
|                                                     | 15 E. Singleton—Clerical work and Youth Council<br>Expenses .....       | 10.00  |
|                                                     | 15 Anita Wilson—Election Clerk and Convention Clerk                     | 5.00   |
|                                                     | 15 Cash—Clerical Workers at Quinn Chapel.....                           | 10.00  |
|                                                     | 15 Susie Mae Wilson—Election and Convention Clerk..                     | 5.00   |
|                                                     | 17 Virginia E. Gatliff—Stenographer and Clerk K. N. E. A.<br>Week ..... | 12.00  |
|                                                     | 17 George Cook—messenger and aid at Convention....                      | 5.00   |



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|       | 17 Mildred Shortt—Night Sessions Stenographer.....                                  | 10.00  |
|       | 17 A. S. Wilson—Salary for year—25% of fees, April 1,<br>1938 to April 1, 1939..... | 384.00 |
|       | 17 Association of Negro Life and History—Donation..                                 | 10.00  |
|       | 18 American Teachers Association Affiliation Fee....                                | 15.00  |
|       | 18 Central Mimeograph Service, Financial Reports,<br>Spelling Lists .....           | 16.00  |
|       | 18 Mary E. Wilson—8 months office rental.....                                       | 24.00  |
|       | 18 Baldwin Piano Co., Piano Rental.....                                             | 13.00  |
|       | 18 Brown's Print Shop—Youth Council Badges.....                                     | 3.00   |
|       | 19 Lincoln Bank—Returned Checks, Ins. Funds.....                                    | 34.96  |
|       | 20 Mrs. R. B. Scott, Speaker's Board at Convention....                              | 5.00   |
|       | 20 Southern Bell Telephone Co.—Phone Calls and<br>Telegrams—Program .....           | 8.71   |
|       | 21 Jefferson County—Damage at Armory.....                                           | 20.00  |
|       | 26 F. A. Cabell, Commission on K. N. E. A. Ads.....                                 | 10.00  |
|       | 28 J. E. Riddell, P. M., Deposit Per. 332 Newsettes....                             | 7.00   |
| May   | 1 Mildred Shortt, Clerical Work April 1 to May 1....                                | 20.00  |
|       | 1 J. E. Riddell, P. M., Stamps—President and Secretary                              | 16.50  |
|       | 4 C. L. Thomas, Expenses Apollo Quartet.....                                        | 10.00  |
|       | 13 L. W. Gee, Expense Sp. Committee Meeting.....                                    | 6.40   |
|       | 13 Sadie M. Yancey—Expense Sp. Committee Meeting                                    | 3.00   |
|       | 13 S. L. Barker, Expense Sp. Committee Meeting.....                                 | 3.50   |
|       | 16 Meffert Equipment Co., Repair of Typewriter.....                                 | 2.50   |
|       | 29 S. L. Barker, R. R. Fare, Retirement Committee<br>Meeting .....                  | 3.50   |
| June  | 1 Mildred Shortt, Clerk's Salary .....                                              | 20.00  |
|       | 7 Louisville Paper Co.—Journal Envelopes.....                                       | 17.76  |
|       | 8 Brown's Print Shoppe—Stationery and Printing....                                  | 25.50  |
|       | 8 H. W. Peters, Supt.—Retirement Fund Expense.....                                  | 98.00  |
| July  | 1 State Tax—Bank Balance.....                                                       | .56    |
|       | 1 Mildred Shortt, Clerk's Salary.....                                               | 20.00  |
|       | 1 S. L. Barker, Expense—Delegate A. T. A.....                                       | 25.00  |
| Sept. | 7 J. E. Riddell, P. M., Postage, Secretary's Office....                             | 18.50  |
|       | 15 Brown's Print Shoppe—1940 Membership Cards....                                   | 9.50   |
| Oct.  | 2 Mildred Shortt, Clerk's Salary.....                                               | 20.00  |
|       | 2 Bush-Krebs Co.—Cut-Cover, October Journal.....                                    | 3.34   |
|       | 3 J. E. Riddell, P. M.—Deposit Postage, Oct.& Nov.                                  | 36.00  |
| Nov.  | 1 Mildred Shortt, Clerk's Salary .....                                              | 20.00  |
|       | 6 Louisville Paper Co.—Newsettes & Journal Envelopes                                | 10.78  |
|       | 14 Times-Journal Pub. Co.—Oct.-Nov. Journals.....                                   | 180.00 |
|       | 25 S. L. Barker, R. R. Fare to Committee Meeting at<br>Frankfort .....              | 4.80   |
| Dec.  | 1 Mildred Shortt, Clerk's Salary.....                                               | 20.00  |
|       | 4 Brown's Letter and Print Shoppe and Envelopes....                                 | 10.25  |
|       | 11 Remington Rand—Stencils for Office.....                                          | 2.65   |
|       | 16 S. L. Barker, Director's R. R. Fare.....                                         | 3.50   |
|       | 16 Whitney M. Young, Director's R. R. Fare.....                                     | 1.10   |
|       | 16 E. Poston, Director's R. R. Fare.....                                            | 9.00   |
|       | 22 Mildred Shortt, Clerk's Salary.....                                              | 20.00  |

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| 1940        |                                                                              |            |
| Jan.        | 2 Aetna Life Insurance Co.—Secretary's Bond.....                             | 5.00       |
|             | 2 Bush-Krebs Co.—Cuts, Jan.-Feb. Journal ..                                  | 10.66      |
|             | 2 Office Expense Fund—Supplies, Etc.....                                     | 25.00      |
|             | 2 St. Louis Button Co.—1940 Badges.....                                      | 29.96      |
|             | 4 J. E. Riddell, P. M., Stamps, Departmental Chairmen<br>and Secretary ..... | 18.00      |
|             | 5 St. Louis Button Co.—Bal. Convention Badges.....                           | 2.00       |
|             | 15 S. L. Barker—R. R. Fare to Frankfort meeting.....                         | 4.80       |
|             | 24 Jefferson County Fiscal Court—Deposit on Armory<br>for April 20.....      | 75.00      |
|             | 30 J. E. Riddell, P. M., Postage Jan.-Feb. Journals...                       | 28.00      |
| Feb.        | 1 V. E. Gatliff and Anita Wilson, Clerks.....                                | 20.00      |
|             | 5 Times-Journal Pub. Co.—Jan.-Feb. Journals.....                             | 144.00     |
|             | 10 S. L. Barker, R. R. Fare Committee Meeting<br>Frankfort—Jan. 31 .....     | 4.80       |
| Mar.        | 1 Virginia Gatliff and Anita Wilson, Clerks.....                             | 20.00      |
|             | 5 Bush-Krebs Co.—Cut of K. N. E. A. Guest Soloist..                          | 4.59       |
|             | 12 J. E. Riddell, P. M., Postage Mailing.....                                | 17.50      |
|             | 12 Office Expense Fund, Supplies.....                                        | 25.00      |
|             | 30 Hazel B. Williams, Exp. Foreign Language Exhibit..                        | 4.00       |
|             | Total Payments .....                                                         | \$2,476.56 |
| ** 30       | Balance in treasury—Lincoln Bank, as per statement<br>April 1, 1940.....     | 556.83     |
| Total ..... |                                                                              | \$3,033.39 |

\*\* Bank Statements, Cancelled Checks, and a receipt for each payment is a part of the Secretary's record, as exhibited to the auditing committee. Money from the general treasury is paid out by check only. Payments are supervised by the Board of Directors and the President of the K. N. E. A. All money is deposited as soon as received on the K. N. E. A. account in the Lincoln Bank at Louisville, Ky. Duplicate receipts are on file for all items in the income. A balance of \$80.87 in the K. N. E. A. Scholarship Loan Fund is included in the above balance.

The Financial Report of Dr. G. D. Wilson, chairman of the Research Committee includes a record book of payments, and receipts for all expenditures from the fund. This fund which was \$53.14 on April 1, 1939 remains the same. The actual balance in the K. N. E. A. treasury on April 1, 1940 was, therefore, \$609.97.

Respectfully submitted,

ATWOOD S. WILSON,  
Secretary-Treasurer, K. N. E. A.

### THE AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 17, 1940

To the President and Members of the K. N. E. A.:

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, find the financial report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Atwood S. Wilson, to be correct and specific. All records available and presented for scrutiny were found to coincide with the report of the Secretary-Treasurer and the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company.

## RECEIPTS

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| 15. Advance Enrollments, 1939-1940 (Enrollments before<br>April 1, 1940) ..... | 816.00    |
| Total Receipts .....                                                           | 3,033.39  |
| Total Payments .....                                                           | 2,476.56  |
| Balance in treasury—Lincoln Bank, as per statements<br>April 1, 1940. ....     | 556.83    |

We note the financial statements of the Youth Council whose balance was turned over to the Secretary-Treasurer for deposit and that of the English Department whose balance was pro-rated between the participating schools. We suggest that ALL departments handling finance leave with the Secretary-Treasurer a complete and detailed report along with all cash balances for proper accreditation and that these reports be available to the auditing committee at the proper time.

We suggest that the fiscal year for the K. N. E. A. be reckoned as of May 1. This would obviate the necessity for a supplementary report and make possible the efficient use of a budget system; in addition it would make available to the members of this association a full and complete financial report following the annual convention instead of delaying this procedure for a year.

We wish to commend the Secretary-Treasurer for the efficient handling of the funds of this association. In this connection must be mentioned the use of the certified check in handling all post-office payments which is another step forward in safe-guarding the use of the association's funds.

P. L. GUTHRIE, Chairman.

J. D. STEWART, Auditor  
M. SLEET, Auditor

# Special Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

April 1, 1940 to May 1, 1940

To the Board of Directors and Members of the K. N. E. A.:

I submit herewith the financial report of the Kentucky Negro Education Association.

RECEIPTS from April 1, 1940 to May 1, 1940  
(Deposited in Lincoln Bank, Louisville, Ky.)

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Balance as per report, April 1, 1940 .....                                           | \$ 556.83 |
| 2. Additional Enrollments at 1940 Convention (Total for<br>year 1,465) .....            | 649.00    |
| 3. Advertisements in 1940 Convention Programs and Journals                              | 74.00     |
| 4. Courier-Journal, Spelling Bee First Prize.....                                       | 25.00     |
| 5. G. H. Brown, Additional Spelling Bee Prizes, Donated....                             | 21.00     |
| 6. Research Committee Refund from Dr. G. D.<br>Wilson, Chairman .....                   | 53.14     |
| 7. Fiscal Court, Refund for 1940 Pageant at Armory.....                                 | 23.80     |
| *8. Net Receipts 1940 Pageant at Armory, April 20, 1940....                             | 460.50    |
| 9. Eunice Singleton—Receipts Youth Council Delegates and<br>Net Receipts of Dance ..... | 28.65     |
| 10. Convention Donation—Louisville Convention and Publicity<br>League .....             | 50.00     |
| 11 Redeposit of Returned Check, Lincoln Bank .....                                      | 3.00      |

Total Gross Receipts .....\$1,944.92

\* Separate report of duplicate receipts to schools, ticket windows, stores, etc. and all bills paid and cancelled checks submitted to auditing committee.

## K N. E A. PAYMENTS—April 1, 1940 to May 1, 1940

|       |                                                                              |        |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| April | 1 Robert Lawery—Cuts of Langston Hughes.....                                 | 3.88   |
|       | 1 Meffert Equipment Co.—Repair of Typewriter....                             | 9.25   |
|       | 1 J. E. Riddell, P. M., Postage K. N. E. A. Programs..                       | 20.00  |
|       | 1 Virginia Gatliff and Anita Wilson, Stenographic and<br>Clerical Work ..... | 20.00  |
|       | 1 Bush-Krebs Co.—Cuts of K. N. E. A. Speakers<br>and Singers .....           | 10.03  |
|       | 2 Office Expense Fund Clerical Supplies.....                                 | 25.00  |
|       | 3 I. Willis Cole Pub. Co.—Printing Programs<br>and Journals .....            | 140.00 |
|       | 10 J. E. Riddell, Postage for Enrollments.....                               | 15.00  |
|       | 16 J. D. Stewart, Auditor's Expenses .....                                   | 7.12   |
|       | 16 P. L. Guthrie, Auditor's Expenses .....                                   | 8.12   |
|       | 16 M. J. Sleet, Auditor's Expenses .....                                     | 14.05  |
|       | 17 Whitney M. Young, Director's R. R. Fare.....                              | 1.10   |
|       | 17 E. Poston, Director's R. R. Fare.....                                     | 9.00   |
|       | 17 S. L. Barker, Director's R. R. Fare.....                                  | 3.50   |



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| 17 Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Speaker's Fee and Expenses .....                              | 80.00    |
| 18 Langston Hughes, Speaker's Fee and Expenses.....                                       | 95.00    |
| 18 Carl C. Lyles, Speaker's Fee and Expenses.....                                         | 10.00    |
| 19 C. H. Johnson, Speaker, Art Department.....                                            | 25.00    |
| 19 H. Council Trenholm, Speaker's Fee and Expenses                                        | 35.00    |
| 19 Evelyn Spencer, First Prize Spelling Bee.....                                          | 25.00    |
| 19 Julia Wilford, 2nd Prize Spelling Bee .....                                            | 10.00    |
| 19 Lillian Jackson, 3rd Prize Spelling Bee .....                                          | 5.00     |
| 19 G. H. Brown, Additional Spelling Prizes for other contestants .....                    | 25.00    |
| 19 J. D. Steward—Athletic Departmental Expenses...                                        | 4.35     |
| 19 Brown's Letter and Print Shoppe, Newsettes .....                                       | 3.25     |
| 20 L. V. Ranel, Assistant Secretary's Expenses.....                                       | 8.85     |
| 20 Treasurer of Quinn Chapel—Rental Fee.....                                              | 65.00    |
| 20 Mrs. Nettie Black, Principal's Banquet .....                                           | 39.00    |
| 20 Edw. Rogers, for janitors at Central High School Building .....                        | 18.50    |
| 20 A. S. Wilson (Secretary's Fee —1,465 members, Salary for year) .....                   | 366.25   |
| 20 Mrs. G. C. Clement, Speaker's Board.....                                               | 2.50     |
| 22 Mr. L. W. Gee, Chairman, Committee on Educational Inequalities .....                   | 487.10   |
| 22 L. W. Gee, Chairman Educational Inequalities Com. (Bal. on \$500 Donation).....        | 12.90    |
| 22 S. L. Barker, President's Office Expense.....                                          | 17.00    |
| 22 Virginia Gatliff, Clerk at Convention.....                                             | 10.00    |
| 22 Anita S. Wilson, Clerk at Convention.....                                              | 10.00    |
| 22 C. M. Berry, Clerical work at Convention.....                                          | 10.00    |
| 22 C. F. Page, Ex-Presidents Luncheon .....                                               | 8.00     |
| 22 Baldwin Piano Co.—Rental on Piano.....                                                 | 16.00    |
| 22 Ass'n for Study of Negro Life and History.....                                         | 10.00    |
| 22 American Teachers Association (Affiliation Fee)....                                    | 25.00    |
| 22 E. H. Roederer—Bound Volumes of K. N. E. A. Journals .....                             | 4.50     |
| 22 G. H. Brown, Spelling Bee Expenses.....                                                | 2.50     |
| 22 Southern Bell Tel. and Tel. Co.—Telegrams and Convention Calls regarding programs..... | 6.84     |
| 22 Brown's Letter and Print Shoppe—Additional Membership Cards .....                      | 5.05     |
| 23 Lyle Hawkins, Expense Adult Ed. Dept.....                                              | 5.00     |
| 23 Lincoln Bank—Returned Check .....                                                      | 3.00     |
| 26 Cash—Deficit on Musicale as Per Special Report submitted to Auditors .....             | 28.30    |
| Total Payments .....                                                                      | 1,764.94 |
| ** Balance in treasury—Lincoln Bank, as per statement May 1, 1940 .....                   | 179.98   |
| Total .....                                                                               | 1,944.92 |



\*\* Bank Statements, Cancelled Checks, and a receipt for each payment is a part of the secretary's record, as exhibited to the auditing committee. Money from the general treasury is paid out by check only. Payments are supervised by the Board of Directors and the President of the K. N. E. A. All money is deposited as soon as received on the K. N. E. A. account in the Lincoln Bank at Louisville, Ky. Duplicate receipts are on file for all items in the income. A balance of \$80.87 in the K. N. E. A. Scholarship Loan Fund is included in the above balance. The Youth Council of the K. N. E. A. also has \$50.20 in this balance, from dances, etc., in 1939 and 1940. (The Council plans to use its balance to send an elected delegate to the National Youth Council in August, 1940).

When the credit of the Scholarship Fund and Youth Council are deducted from the above balance there remains an unincumbered balance of \$48.91 in the treasury.

Advertisements unpaid amount to \$30.00. About \$40.00 is to be paid to two delegates for expenses to the meeting of the American Teachers Association at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, July, 1940.

Respectfully submitted,  
ATWOOD S. WILSON., Secretary-Treasurer.

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## The Auditing Committee Report

May 18, 1940

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To the President and Board of Directors of the K. N. E. A.:

We have made an examination of the books and financial records of the Kentucky Negro Education Association for the year ending April 30, 1940. We have examined the accounting and other records of the Association and obtained information and explanations from the Secretary-Treasurer, Atwood S. Wilson. We have made a complete review of the accounting system and a detailed audit of the operating and income accounts for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1939 and ending April 30, 1940.

In accordance with accepted principles of accounting, it is our opinion that the foregoing Financial Statement presents the financial position of this Association as of May 1, 1940 and the results of its financial activities for the year on that ended.

We wish to incorporate in this report our commendation of the Secretary-Treasurer, Atwood S. Wilson for the thorough-going business methods employed in the accounting system of this association.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. SLEET,  
P. L. GUTHRIE,  
J. D. STEWART.

# The Negro Mother

By Langston Hughes

Children, I've come back today  
To tell you a story of the long  
    dark way  
That I had to climb, that I had to  
    know  
In order that our race might live  
    and grow.  
Look at my face, boy, dark as the  
    night,  
Yet shining like the sun with hope  
    and light.  
I'm the child they stole from the  
    sand  
Three hundred years ago in Africa  
    land.  
I'm the dark girl who crossed the  
    wide sea  
Carrying in my body the seed of  
    the free.  
I'm the woman who worked in the  
    field,  
Bringing the cotton and corn to  
    yield.  
I'm the one who labored as a  
    slave,  
Beaten and mistreated for the  
    work I gave—  
Children sold away from me, hus-  
    band sold, too  
No safety, no love, no respect was  
    I due.  
Three hundred years in the deep-  
    est South,  
But God put a song and a prayer  
    in my mouth.  
God put a dream like steel in my  
    soul.  
Now through my children, we're  
    reaching the goal.  
Now through my children young  
    and free,  
I realize the blessings denied to  
    me.

I couldn't read then. I couldn't  
    write,  
I had nothing back there in the  
    night.  
Sometimes the valley was filled  
    with tears,  
But I kept trudging on through  
    the lonely years.  
Sometimes the road was hot with  
    sun.  
But I had to keep on till my work  
    was done.  
I HAD to keep on! No stopping  
    for me—  
I was the seed of the coming Free.  
I nourished our dream that noth-  
    ing could smother  
Deep in my breast—the Negro  
    Mother.  
I had only hope then, but now  
    through you,  
Dark child of today, my dreams  
    must come true.  
All you dark children in the world  
    out there,  
Remember my sweat, my pain,  
    my despair.  
Remember my years heavy with  
    sorrow—  
And make of those years a torch  
    for tomorrow,  
Make of my past a road to the  
    light,  
Out of the darkness, the ignor-  
    ance, the night.  
Lift high my banner out of the  
    dust.  
Stand like free men supporting  
    my trust.  
Believe in the right, let none push  
    you back.  
Remember the whip and the  
    slaver's track.

Remember how the strong in  
struggle and strife  
Still bar you the way, and deny  
you life—  
But march ever forward, break-  
ing down bars.  
Look upward at the sun and the  
stars.  
Oh, my dark children, may my  
dreams and my prayers  
Impel you forever up the great  
stairs—

For I will be with you till no  
white brother

Dares keep down the children of  
the Negro Mother.

Note: Mr. Langston Hughes was  
the guest speaker on the program  
of Thursday, April 18, at the 1940  
K. N. E. A. Convention. In his ad-  
dress he presented this poem and  
a number of his other poems.

### JOIN THE K. N. E. A.

Active Membership per year and Journal.....\$1.00  
Honor Membership—Journal and Proceedings—Mention..\$1.50  
Life Membership—always an active member.....\$10.00

Send Your Fee To:

**A. S. WILSON, Secretary**

1925 W. Madison Street, Louisville, Kentucky

### Honor Members of K. N. E. A. For 1940

The following teachers have  
paid a voluntary membership fee  
of \$1.50 for 1940 in the Kentucky  
Negro Education Association:

#### Louisville Teachers

Dean David A. Lane, Louisville  
Municipal College.

Prof. A. S. Wilson, Principal,  
Central High

Mr. Joseph S. Cotter, Principal,  
S. C. Taylor..

Mrs. Ellen L. Taylor, Principal,  
Dunbar.

Mr. T. J. Long, Jr., Principal,  
B. T. Washington

Miss Jessie R. Carter, Principal,  
Charles Young.

Miss Carrie Alexander, Central  
High.

Mr. James T. Anderson, Central  
High.

Mr. F. A. Cabell, Central High.

Miss Elsie E. Fields, Central  
High.

Mrs. Nannie B. Crume, Central  
High.

Mrs. Annie Y. Garvin, Central  
High.

Miss Margaret V. Givens, Cen-  
tral High.

Miss Eunice L. Hopwood, Cen-  
tral High.

Miss Sadye Jenkins, Central  
High.

Miss Estelle Kennedy, Central  
High.

Miss Marguerite Parks, Central  
High.

Mr. William A. Tisdale, Central High.

Mr. Frank Whitaker, Central High.

Miss Alberta Wilson, Central High.

Miss Helen Yancey, Central High.

Miss Eunice Singleton, Madison Jr. High.

Miss Marie Matthews, Western School.

Miss Rosa Stone, Western School.

Miss Emma J. Alexander, Jefferson County (retired).

Miss Carrie B. Pate, Booker T. Washington.

Miss Anita S. Wilson, Elementary Schools.

#### Out-in-State Teachers

President S. L. Barker, Western High School, Owensboro.

President M. J. Griffin, W. K. S. V. T. S., Paducah.

Mr. M. J. Sleet, W. K. S., V. T. S., Paducah, Ky.

Mr. James B. Brown, Mayo-Underwood, Frankfort.

Miss Ora J. Chaise, Mayo-Underwood, Frankfort.

Miss Laura F. Chaise, Mayo-Underwood, Frankfort.

Miss Mary C. Holmes, Mayo-Underwood, Frankfort.

Miss Mary E. Lindsay, Mayo-Underwood, Frankfort.

Miss Alice D. Samuels, Mayo-Underwood, Frankfort.

Miss Mary L. Burns, Western High, Owensboro.

Miss Inez G. Agnew, Western High, Owensboro.

Miss Rowena C. Hunt, Western High, Owensboro.

Miss Sedalia Crowe, Western High, Owensboro.

Miss Jessie Y. Howard, Western High, Owensboro.

Mr. L. O. Hataway, Western High, Owensboro.

Mr. Jesse T. Gatewood, Western High, Owensboro.

Miss Martha L. Bell, Western High, Owensboro.

Mr. Edward R. Tinsley, Western High, Owensboro.

Mr. J. P. Perkins, Western High, Owensboro.

Mr. R. V. McMickens, Western High, Owensboro.

Mr. Eddean M. Wilder, Western High, Owensboro.

Mr. T. Taylor Murray, Western High, Owensboro.

Mr. W. H. Robinson, Western High, Owensboro.

Prof. W. O. Nuckolls, Rosenswald High, Providence.

Mrs. Helen O. Nuckolls, Rosenswald High, Providence.

Mrs. Geneva J. Ferguson, Rosenswald High, Providence.

Mr. Curtis R. Bishop, Rosenswald High, Providence.

Mr. James R. Shearer, Rosenswald High, Providence.

Miss Ovenus Mitchell, Rosenswald High, Providence.

Miss Laura F. Finley, Rosenswald High, Providence.

Mrs. Dobra Woolfolk, Rosenswald High, Providence.

Mr. Wallace E. Strader, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Kate Alexander, Burkesville.

Mr. J. E. Thurston, Owensboro.

Mrs. M. E. Compton, Hickman.

Mr. Richard H. Sewell, Glasgow.

Mrs. Daisy Fitzgerald, New Liberty.



## K. N. E. A. Honor Roll—1940

| School                | Principal           | City           |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| *Western High         | S. L. Barker        | Owensboro      |
| *Rosenwald High       | W. O. Nuckolls      | Providence     |
| Franklin              | G. B. Houston       | Franklin       |
| Dunbar High           | Wm. Halloway        | Cadiz          |
| Dunbar High           | P. L. Guthrie       | Lexington      |
| Russell Jr. High      | Taylor Seals        | Lexington      |
| Constitution          | J. B. Caulder       | Lexington      |
| George W. Carver      | Mrs. Fannie White   | Lexington      |
| West Side High        | Clara B. Clelland   | Harrodsburg    |
| Drakesboro Comm. High | Richards McReynolds | Drakesboro     |
| Greenville Training   | George C. Wakefield | Greenville     |
| B. T. Washington      | Miss C. D. Murray   | Carlisle       |
| Dunbar High           | C. L. Timberlake    | Morganfield    |
| Travis Grade & High   | C. M. Burnsides     | Monticello     |
| Lynch High            | W. L. Shobe         | Lynch          |
| Benham High           | J. A. Matthews      | Benham         |
| Southgate Street      | Miss Nora H. Ward   | Newport        |
| Cave City             | I. J. Overstreet    | Cave City      |
| Knob City             | W. M. Thomas        | Russellville   |
| Rosenwald High        | Mrs. Pearl Patton   | Madisonville   |
| Western High          | Miss M. E. Kellis   | Paris          |
| Jackman High          | R. L. Dowery        | Columbia       |
| Dunbar High           | F. I. Stiger        | Mayfield       |
| Durham High           | M. J. Strong        | Campbellsville |
| Corydon Tr.           | Rev. J. W. Hatch    | Corydon        |
| Henderson County Tr.  | Mrs. Willa M. West  | Henderson      |
| Hodgenville           | A. R. Lasley        | Hodgenville    |
| Bond-Washington       | J. V. Robinson      | Elizabethtown  |
| Eminence High         | Louis L. Spradling  | Eminence       |
| Bate School           | J. W. Bate          | Danville       |
| Springfield Grade     | Anna C. Phillips    | Springfield    |
| Glasgow High          | R. H. Sewell        | Glasgow        |
| Lancaster             | C. H. Payne         | Lancaster      |
| Dunbar                | G. P. Wilson        | Somerset       |
| State Street          | E. T. Buford        | Bowling Green  |
| Eighth Street         | G. W. West          | Henderson      |
| Douglas High          | L. P. Miller        | Murray         |
| Attucks High          | P. Moore            | Hopkinsville   |
| John G. Fee High      | W. H. Humphrey      | Maysville      |
| Bannecker High        | W. E. Newsome       | Cynthiana      |
| Lincoln-Grant High    | H. R. Merry         | Covington      |
| Booker Washington     | L. W. Gee           | Hopkinsville   |
| Garfield              | M. O. Strauss       | Paducah        |

\*Denotes that the entire faculty enrolled as HONOR MEMBERS.

| <b>School</b>      | <b>Principal</b>    | <b>City</b>    |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Central City       | V. B. Walker        | Central City   |
| Perry A. Cline     | W. R. Cummings      | Pikeville      |
| Oldham County Tr.  | James T. Cooper     | LaGrange       |
| Rosenwald High     | R. H. Thompson      | Barbourville   |
| Shelbyville High   | R. D. Roman         | Shelbyville    |
| Oliver Street High | G. W. Adams         | Winchester     |
| Douglass School    | Mrs. Theda Van Lowe | Lexington      |
| J. W. Million      | S. Stanley Morris   | Earlington     |
| Stanford           | M. F. Perkins       | Stanford       |
| Trenton Rosenwald  | L. J. Buckner       | Trenton        |
| Mayo-Underwood     | J. B. Brown         | Frankfort      |
| Bardstown Training | C. H. Woodson       | Bardstown      |
| Richmond High      | J. G. Fletcher      | Richmond       |
| Lincoln High       | H. S. Osborne       | Middlesboro    |
| Milton Jr. High    | A. Dumas            | Fulton         |
| Simmons St. High   | Wm. J. Christy      | Versailles     |
| Lincoln            | E. W. Whiteside     | Paducah        |
| Rosenwald High     | Wm. M. Wood         | Harlan         |
| Central High       | Alvin C. Boyd       | LaCenter       |
| Roland Hayes High  | A. F. Gibson        | Pineville      |
| Todd County Tr.    | J. W. Waddell       | Elkton         |
| Ed. Davis          | Mrs. Betty W. Davis | Georgetown     |
| Bommons Valley     | Henry Owens, Jr.    | Bardstown Jct. |
| Lawrenceburg       | L. L. Owens         | Lawrenceburg   |

### **LOUISVILLE SCHOOLS**

| <b>School</b>        | <b>Principal</b>     |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Central High         | Atwood S. Wilson     |
| Madison Junior High  | W. H. Perry, Jr.     |
| Jackson Junior High  | A. E. Meyzeek        |
| James Bond           | Mrs. R. D. Rogers    |
| S. Coleridge Taylor  | Joseph S. Cotter     |
| Phyllis Wheatley     | J. Bryant Cooper     |
| Frederick Douglas    | G. H. Brown          |
| Lincoln              | T. J. Long, Jr.      |
| Booker T. Washington | T. J. Long, Jr.      |
| Mary B. Talbert      | Mrs. Ellen L. Taylor |
| Dunbar               | Mrs. Ellen L. Taylor |
| George McClellan     | Mrs. F. L. McCaskil  |
| Western              | I. W. St. Clair      |
| Virginia Avenue      | Clyde A. Liggin      |
| Parkland             | Clyde A. Liggin      |
| Georgia G. Moore     | Miss Mabel Coleman   |
| B. Bannecker         | Mrs. Rebecca Guest   |

## STATE INSTITUTIONS

| <b>School</b>                 | <b>Official Director</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Kentucky State College        | President R .B. Atwood   |
| W. Ky. Vocational Tr. School  | President M. H. Griffin  |
| Louisville Municipal College  | Dean David A. Lane, Jr.  |
| Lincoln Institute             | Director W. M. Young     |
| Kentucky School for the Blind | Principal E. M. Minnis   |
| Ormsby Village, Ridgewood     | Director L. B. Jett      |

| <b>County</b> | <b>Supt. or Org.</b> | <b>County Seat</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Shelby        | R. D. Roman*         | Shelbyville        |
| Henderson     | R. E. Cabell*        | Henderson          |
| Christian     | N. T. Hooks          | Hopkinsville       |
| Huhlenberg    | R. H. Shaver         | Greenville         |

\*Denotes Organizer; otherwise it is the Superintendent

| <b>County</b> | <b>Supt. or Org.</b> | <b>County Seat</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Hart          | J. C. Cave           | Munfordville       |
| Montgomery    | Mrs. M. G. McNamara  | Mt. Sterling       |
| Clark         | W. G. Conkwright     | Winchester         |
| Bath          | W. W. Horton         | Owingsville        |
| Union         | P. D. Fancher        | Morganfield        |
| Adair         | C. W. Marshall       | Columbia           |
| Marion        | H. C. Spalding       | Lebanon            |
| Simpson       | H. Foster            | Franklin           |
| Jefferson     | O. J. Stivers        | Louisville         |
| Pike          | C. H. Farley         | Pikeville          |
| Logan         | G. B. Williams       | Russellville       |
| Fulton        | P. L. Nichols*       | Hickman            |
| McCracken     | Miles Meredith       | Paducah            |
| Ohio          | W. R. Carson         | Hartford           |
| Mercer        | D. R. Riggins        | Harrodsburg        |
| Carroll       | Curtis E. Shirley    | Carrollton         |
| Bourbon       | Anna H. McCowan      | Paris              |
| Washington    | J. F. McWhorter      | Springfield        |
| Harlan        | J. A. Cawood         | Harlan             |
| Spencer       | Herbert Hume         | Taylorsville       |
| Madison       | J. D. Hamilton       | Richmond           |
| Scott         | F. W. Hood           | Georgetown         |
| Lincoln       | F. M. McWhorter      | Stanford           |
| Nelson        | C. W. Hart           | Bardstown          |
| Boone         | Miss L. M. Sleet*    | Burlington         |
| Fayette       | D. Y. Dunn           | Lexington          |

| <b>County</b> | <b>Supt. or Org.</b> | <b>County Seat</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Taylor        | G. E. Sapp           | Campbellsville     |
| Franklin      | H. L. Foster         | Frankfort          |
| Boyle         | H. A. Cocanougher    | Danville           |
| Metcalfe      | W. P. Butler         | Edmonton           |

| School            | City       | Official      |
|-------------------|------------|---------------|
| Livermore Public  | Livermore  | L. C. Taylor  |
| Bloomfield Public | Bloomfield | W. D. Chilton |
| Lexington Public  | Lexington  | W. D. Hill    |

## K. N. E. A. Kullings

The K. N. E. A. will hold its 65th Annual Session in Louisville, April 16-19, 1941. The K. N. E. A. is now 64 years old, having been organized in 1877.

President S. L. Barker of Owensboro and Mr. Paul Guthrie of Lexington, Chairman of the K. N. E. A. auditing committee attended the meeting of the American Teachers' Association at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, July 24-26, 1940, as official Kentucky delegates.

Miss Nora H. Ward, chairman of the Principals' Conference of the K. N. E. A. and principal of the Southgate Street School at Newport recently became the bride of Dr. James A. DeRamus. The K. N. E. A. wishes Dr. and Mrs. DeRamus a long and happy married life.

In a July, 1940 issue of the Oldham County Area, a page is given over to the attractive career of Joseph S. Cotter, Senior, poet of national reputation and principal of the S. Coleridge Taylor School in Louisville.

During the summer, 1940, Miss R. L. Carpenter, Chairman of the Music Department of the K. N. E. A. was awarded a Master of Music Degree from Northwestern University.

During the summer, 1940, Mr. Whitney M. Young, Director of Lincoln Institute, did work in the graduate school of Fisk University in some of the workshop courses.

The new dining hall at Kentucky State College has been opened for the first semester of the year 1940-41. This beautiful edifice is named for Dr. E. E. Underwood, for a long time, school physician and prominent citizen of Frankfort.

Atwood S. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer of the K. N. E. A., has been appointed as consultant and member of the N. Y. A. School Work Council for Kentucky. He will represent the Negroes of Kentucky on this Council.

Mrs. Mary L. Williams, a teacher in the Garnet High School of Charleston, West Virginia, has been elected as the 1940-41 president of the American Teachers Association. The next convention will be held in West Virginia during July, 1941.

Miss Estella M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Scholarship Loan Committee, and an instructor in history at Central High School, Louisville, received this summer, the Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago.



Mr. Joseph a Matthews, principal of Benham High School, Benham, Kentucky, received official notice on September 10th that his Master of Arts degree had been conferred at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on September 6, 1940.

The West Kentucky Vocational Training School has recently added some defense program vocational courses. This state school at Paducah is continuing its progress under President M. H. Griffin.

Dean David A. Lane, of Louisville Municipal College, has reported an increase in enrollment for the College for the school year, 1940-41.

Mr. Charles L. Harris, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has succeeded Miss Nora H. Ward, as principal of the Southgate Street School in Newport. Mr. Harris has been a faithful worker at the school as a teacher, and we know that success will be his in his new position as principal.

Pres. R. B. Atwood reports that the enrollment of Kentucky State College has already reached over 500. Students have come from different states, and all sections of our own State. With the new buildings and facilities, and the well-rounded cultural program already planned, the students and faculty look forward to a banner year under the efficient leadership of President Atwood.

## **Privileges of Active Membership in the K. N. E. A.**

1. The privilege of attending all general sessions of the Association.
2. The privilege of participating in the departmental sessions.
3. The privilege of speaking and holding office in the Kentucky Negro Education Association.
4. The privilege of voting and participating in the business affairs of the Association.
5. The privilege of receiving all literature of the Association, including the official publication, The K. N. E. A. Journal.

**No Kentucky Teacher Should Fail to Enroll**

**Send One Dollar**

To A. S. WILSON, Secretary-Treasurer  
1925 W. Madison Street, Louisville, Ky.

## **"KEEP OUT OF THE GUTTER"**

**By Dr. Charles Stelzle**

The percentage of Negroes of the total population of the United States today about equals the percentage of the foreign-born. The progress made by both groups is a credit to them, but by far the greatest honor should go to the Negro race, because of the tremendous handicaps which have been placed upon Negroes from every standpoint.

In the first place, foreigners came to this country as a matter of choice, and they have been given every encouragement to succeed, scarcely any door being closed to them. They were accepted upon an equality with native Americans in practically every particular and given an equal chance. About the only limitation placed upon them was that no foreign-born citizen may become President of the United States.

On the other hand, Negroes were originally brought to this country against their will, and subjected to the degrading conditions of slavery, and for a couple of centuries we systematically and deliberately expunged from them the qualities which fit a man for citizenship in a democracy by depriving them of nearly every privilege granted to the white man.

We compelled the Negro to live in the worst physical sections of our cities and towns, often with-

out drainage or sewerage or garbage facilities; we drove the worst forms of immorality and depravity into the Negro quarters of the city; if a "Red Light" District was permitted, it was usually confined to the sections in which the Negro was compelled to live; and then we cursed the Negro because of his "moral weakness." Until very recently his opportunities for securing an education were very limited. In times of depression the Negro was the first man to lose his job, and the last man to be re-employed. Even to survive under such conditions required character and ability with which the Negro is rarely credited.

Isn't it about time that we gave him a fair chance? Neither race hatred nor mawkish sentimentality will settle this question. And don't let's forget that "you can't keep a man in the gutter without getting into the gutter with him." The future of the Negro lies as much with the white race as it does with the Negro race. Labor, in particular, must face this question. If the standard for Negroes is kept at a low level, the progress of white workers will be proportionately halted. As a matter of self-defense—if for no other consideration—we must be loyal to the high principle which Organized Labor has set for itself, namely, "never to discriminate against a fellow-worker on account of creed, color or nationality."

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