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The Student Experiment

Readers of the October BULLETIN will recall the announcement that the experiment undertaken by the Tallassee Power Company in the use of students during the vacation period was being studied, and would be reported in full. The object of this report is to point out the success of the experiment rather than the failure of individual students. Therefore, the men who have reflected credit upon themselves and their schools are hereunder noted.

No student with whom I talked this spring, or who read the circular letters sent to twenty North Carolina schools and colleges, was misinformed about what was expected of him, or about what he could expect in Badin.

Quotations were made from the BADIN BULLETIN, which described the nature of the work, including this:

The work is handled in three eight-hour shifts, and while the work is a man's job, still the conditions under which the work is done are sanitary and healthful, and the Company is prepared to take good care of its men.

Our letter of May 22 advised students to

State your special qualifications, if you have any, and indicate whether you wish work in the construction department, the carbon plant, or the pot rooms. There is no guaranty that anything will be offered you outside of pot room work; still you may find other openings when you are on the ground.

Developments seem to indicate that this experiment will prove highly successful; our list of applicants is growing each day. It is necessary to remember, however, that you are being solicited for work; and while we are serving you to the best of our ability, we are counting upon each one of you to *make good*.

These quotations are given to make it clear that no misrepresentations of any sort were made either by the Tallassee Power Company, or from the office of the Supervisor of Negro Economics to the complaints of boys who came to Badin and went away without giving the work a trial.

Many students came to Badin and left on the next train. One young man wrote of the plant: "Some students told us it was uncomfortably warm there. We went to the entrance, and looked in, but

for the lack of time we did not go any further. We decided we would not stay." Others who expected to earn money without going into the plant stayed longer. Those who came prepared to work, got jobs immediately, and mostly to their liking, and held them.

Thirty-one students, representing eight schools and colleges, left records which have been considered in this study. Three, whose records happen to be poor, did not register their schools, and have been disregarded. The thirty-one came from the following schools:

Biddle University (Charlotte)	12
Shaw University (Raleigh)	6
Henderson Normal School (Henderson)	4
High Point N. & I. (High Point)	4
A. & T. (Greensboro)	1
Waters Normal (Winton)	1
St. Augustine (Raleigh)	1
Virginia Union University (Richmond)	1
Union Theological (New York)	1

Total..... 31

Further examination of these thirty-one records eliminated four. From the remaining twenty-seven, Tables A and B were made, to show the length of service, and the weekly earnings, computed on the weekly averages of the "twelve best" students. Finally, Table C was drawn, to show the comparative records of the "six best." These records speak for themselves.

TABLE A—LENGTH OF SERVICE

No.	Name	School	Weeks
1	Gerran, Ernest	High Point N. & I.	18
2	Jones, T. B.	Biddle University	16
3	David, Charles	High Point N. & I.	16
4	Steele, A. O.	Biddle University	14
5	Williams, Roscoe	N. C. A. & T.	13
6	Van Landingham, S. C.	Biddle University	9
7	Warwick, J. A.	High Point N. & I.	9
8	Martin, Conrad*	Va. Union University	9
9	Walker, Isom	Biddle University	7
10	Allison, T. E.	Biddle University	7
11	Alexander, B. T.†	Henderson Normal	4
12	Greer, U. A.	Biddle University	3

*Worked in pot room for three weeks.
†Left on account of illness.

TABLE B—WEEKLY EARNINGS, COMPUTED ON WEEKLY AVERAGES

No.	Name	Department	Occupation	Rate per Hour	Weekly Wage
1	Jones, T. B.*	Brickmason		.65c.	\$28.60
2	Williams, Roscoe	Pot Room		.37c.	27.95
3	Greer, U. A.	Carbon Plant		.30c.	27.00
4	Van Landingham, S. S.	Carbon P.		.30c.	24.00
5	Warwick, J. A.	Carbon Plant		.30c.	21.90
6	Walker, Isom	Pot Room		.37c.	21.75
7	Steele, A. O.	Pot Room		.37c.	21.35
8	David, Charles	Pot Room		.37c.	20.65
9	Allison, T. E.*	Messenger		.37c.	20.35
10	Gerran, Ernest	Pot Room		.37c.	19.50
11	Martin, Conrad	Messenger		.37c.	18.35
12	Alexander, B. T.	Pot Room		.37c.	18.00

Note—These figures include a bonus of twenty-five cents per day for a full week's work.
*Earned extra money as musician.

TABLE C—COMPARATIVE RECORDS OF SIX BEST MEN

No.	Name	Length of Service	Weekly Average	Weekly Earning
1	Williams, Roscoe,*	Fifth	Third	Second
2	Jones, T. B.†	Second	Twelfth	First
3	Greer, U. A.	Twelfth	First	Third
4	Van Landingham, S. C.	Sixth	Second	Fourth
5	Warwick, J. A.	Seventh	Fourth	Fifth
6	Steele, A. O.	Fourth	Sixth	Seventh

*Went North on vacation trip before re-entering school.
†Weekly average lowered by two weeks' bad weather and by brickmason's scale.

Attention has been called to peculiarities which affected the showing of some of the men: (1) Greer (Table A) left on account of illness after three weeks of fine work, the cause or nature of his illness being unknown; (2) Martin (Table A) took work in another department after trying the pot room for three weeks, the latter work being at a smaller rate of pay; (3) Jones (Table C) had his average lowered because of two weeks of bad weather. It has also been noted that Williams (Table C) took a vacation trip North before re-entering school. All the boys went home, or to nearby points, after finishing their work.

Baseball players and musicians were used to good advantage. The Badin Colored Jazz Orchestra was composed of T. B. Jones, trombonist (Biddle); G. S. McLean, pianist (Shaw); Kenneth Hinton, violinist (Kittrell); and T. E. Allison, drummer (Biddle). They received all the proceeds of a weekly dance in the Badin Theater (white townsite), and filled engagements in North Badin, Albemarle, and Salisbury. Cook and Mowery (Shaw), Caldwell (Biddle), and others helped to make the Badin Sluggers one of the best baseball teams in the State; but the star pitcher, Caldwell, was the only one to remain thru the season.

T. B. Jones performed the greatest service in community uplift, because of his upstanding manhood and versatility. Besides being a good brickmason, he was band and orchestra leader, and choral director for the A. M. E. Z. Church. Jones' choir sang beautifully in the dedicatory exercises of this beautiful new building in August.

It is not pretended that there were no disappointments in this first effort of many of the men to become successful workers in a technical industrial concern. It was also expected that some of the men would not catch the extraordinary spirit of the general superintendent, Mr. J. E. S. Thorpe, who said: