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## SCHOOLS TO STUDY NEGRO HISTORY

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. —The Commission on Interracial Co-operation, from its headquarters in the Standard Building, this city, announces the offer to Southern high schools of two prizes of \$100 each, one to be awarded to the pupil submitting the best paper on "America's Tenth Man," the other to the teacher or school making the best use of the Commission's "Tenth Man" project. The contest covers fifteen southern states including Maryland and Missouri, and closes on March 15th, 1932.

The announced purpose of the plan is to encourage the study of the Negro's constructive part in American history, which the Commission believes will be helpful to the children of both races, promoting intelligent attitudes on the one side, and wholesome ambition on the other. The project, it is claimed, has been approved by many southern state superintendents and supervisors of education, and by hundreds of high school teachers and principals who have carried it out in the last two years. The Commission invites correspondence from all teachers and pupils who may be interested.

## NEW BUILDINGS FOR SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Atlanta, University, pioneer institution of higher learning for Negroes located in Atlanta, Georgia has been given one million dollars for new buildings and their maintenance. Announcement of the gift from a friend of the University was made here today by Dean Sage, 49 Wall Street, president of the University's board of trustees.

In order that construction work on the new buildings may serve to alleviate the present unemployment situation in Atlanta, the plans have been expedited by the architects, James Gamble Rogers, Inc. of New York City and construction will begin soon Mr. Sage stated. Five buildings are to be erected at an estimated cost of \$625,000 including an administration hall, women's dormitory, men's dormitory, a residence for the President and a central heating plant. Forty thousand dollars will be expended in renovating existing class-room buildings, and \$335,000 will be set aside as a building maintenance fund.

The buildings will be located on a 60 acre campus which adjoins the campuses of the two undergraduate colleges affiliated with Atlanta University—Morehouse College for men and Spelman College for women. Atlanta University, which is co-educational, is a graduate school. More than 1,000 students were enrolled last year in the affiliated institutions.

Work on a university library building to cost around \$300,000 has recently begun. This building which has been provided by a grant from the General Education Board, will serve not only Atlanta University and its affiliated colleges but will be available to the three other Negro insti-

## BADGE OF COURAGE

HUNTINGDON, Tenn., Oct. 22nd—An impressive public meeting is planned for October 27th in this town when the badge of courage will be pinned on the breast of a little woman who last spring successfully defied a mob and saved a prisoner in her keeping on the very night when another mob in a nearby city took a prisoner from the jail and sacrificed his life.

The recipient of the decoration which took the form of a handsome medal, was Mrs. J. C. Butler, wife of the sheriff of Carroll County. On the evening of April 18 Mrs. Butler looked into the grim faces of fifty men seeking the life of Henry Wainford, accused of wounding an officer and told them pointedly "where to get off." "You can shoot me down if you will," she said, "but you can't have my prisoner!" Convinced that she meant it, the mob melted away. The prisoner was later removed to another jail for additional security.

Mrs. Butler's heroism was widely heralded at the time, the more so because on the same night a mob at Union City overpowered the sheriff broke into the jail and lynched a Negro youth charged with a serious crime. In recognition of her courage a commission composed of Ex-Governor Hugh Dorsey of Georgia; Marshall Ballard, editor of the New Orleans Item; George Dealey, publisher of the Dallas News; and Mrs. J. H. McCoy of Alabama, awarded to Mrs. Butler a handsome medal engraved with the words, "For notable service, April 18, 1931." On the other side is pictured a heroic figure standing with drawn sword in front of the temple of justice and encircled by the inscription, "In Defense of Law and Civilization."

tations of higher learning in Atlanta which may enter into co-operative arrangements for its use.

In announcing the gift Mr. Sage said: "The generosity of this friend makes it possible for Atlanta University, the only graduate institution for Negroes in the far South, to modernize its present classroom buildings and to provide proper housing for its students, suitable residence for its president and adequate quarters for its administrative staff. With this equipment and funds for its maintenance the University will be better able to carry on its task of training Negro men and women for leadership of their people, particularly in the fields of education, business and social work. In making his gift the donor has recognized the importance of the development at Atlanta of a university, dedicated to the task of educating such leaders."

Founded in 1865 and chartered two years later, Atlanta University was one of the first institutions in the South to offer college work to Negroes. Since its founding it has enrolled more than 6,000 students in its college and academy departments, and has granted college degrees and normal diplomas to 1,500 persons.

Upon its affiliation in 1926 with Morehouse and Spelman Colleges, Dr. John Hope, for twenty-five years the president of Morehouse College, became the fifth President of Atlanta University.