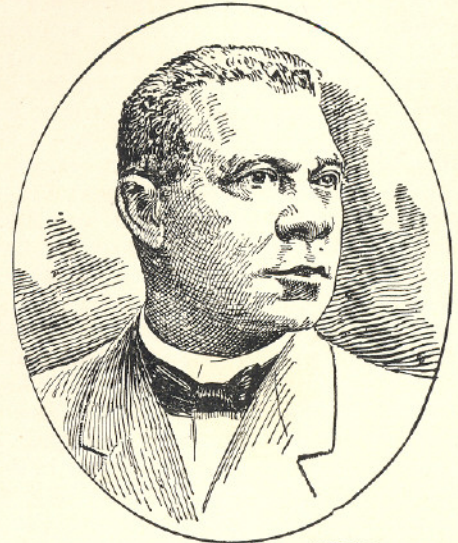


**TUSKEGEE  
NEGRO FARMERS'  
AND WORKERS'  
CONFERENCE**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1940  
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama



*Booker T. Washington*

**TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE**

cordially invites you, your family and  
friends to attend the

**Fiftieth Annual  
Conference**

Conference Theme:

**"Improvement of Rural Life for National  
Defense"**

*Established by* BOOKER T. WASHINGTON  
F. D. PATTERSON, *President*



## PREFACE

### FIFTIETH ANNUAL FARMERS' CONFERENCE

"I have little respect for the farmer who is satisfied with merely 'making a living.' It is hardly possible that agricultural life will become attractive and satisfactory to ambitious young men or women in the South until farming can be made as lucrative there as in other parts of the country where the farmer can be reasonably sure of being able to place something in the bank at the end of the year. For the young farmer to be contented, he must be able to look forward to owning the land that he cultivates, and from which he may later derive not only all the necessities of life, but some of the comforts and conveniences. The farmer must be helped to get to the point where he can have a comfortable dwelling-house, and in it bathtubs, carpets, rugs, pictures, books, magazines, a daily paper, and a telephone. He must be helped to cherish the possibility that he and his family will have time for study and investigation, and a little time each year for travel and recreation, and for attending lectures and concerts.

"I believe that most of the worn-out and wasted fields, the poor stock, the run-down fences, the lost and broken farm tools and machinery, as well as the poor crops are chargeable to the 'farm hand' whom, I have been warned so many times, I must be careful not to spoil. Such a man is too ignorant to know what is going on in the world in progressive agriculture. He is without skill to such an extent that he knows almost nothing about setting up and operating labour-saving machinery. His conscience has not been trained, and hence he has little idea of giving an honest day's labor for a day's pay, and of doing unto others in matters of labour as he would have others do unto him.

"It will be seen at a glance that such a worker in the soil as this cannot compete with the farmer of the Northwest, who owns the land that he cultivates, who is intelligent, and who uses the latest improved farm machinery. One such man is worth as much to the general industrial interests of a country as three 'farm hands.'

"No country can be very prosperous unless the people who cultivate the soil own it and live on it. I repeat, then, that one of my first thoughts in beginning agricultural training at the Tuskegee Institute was to help to replace the 'farm hand' of the South with something better."

*(Excerpts from "Working with the Hands"*

*By Booker T. Washington, 1906)*

## CONFERENCE THEME:

### "IMPROVEMENT OF RURAL LIFE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE"

#### MORNING SESSION

December 18, 1940

- Remarks—Mr. J. R. Otis, Director of Agriculture, Tuskegee Institute  
Topic for Discussion: "Rural Health"—Dr. John W. Chenault, Presiding  
9:00—"Maternity Health Program in Macon County"—Dr. George Kebe, Tuskegee Institute  
9:30—"The Cripple Children's Program in the State of Alabama and the South"—Dr. John W. Chenault, Tuskegee Institute  
10:00—"A Greater Health Program for Alabama and the South"—Dr. Walter H. Maddox, Head, Slossfield Health Center, Birmingham  
10:30—Intermission  
10:40—Remarks—Mr. J. R. Otis, Director of Agriculture, Tuskegee Institute  
10:45—Farmers' Experience Meeting—Mr. T. M. Campbell, Field Agent, United States Extension Service, Tuskegee Institute, Presiding  
12:00—Barbecue Lunch—Alumni Bowl

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Logan Hall

- 1:15—Spiritual—Led by Rev. R. B. Ford  
Invocation—Rev. H. V. Richardson, Chaplain, Tuskegee Institute  
Remarks—Mr. J. R. Otis, Director of Agriculture, Tuskegee Institute  
Welcome Address ..... Dr. F. D. Patterson  
President, Tuskegee Institute  
Spiritual—Led by Mr. T. M. Campbell, Field Agent, United States Extension Service, Tuskegee Institute  
Address—Mr. Aubrey C. Williams, Director, National Youth Administration, Washington, D. C.  
Awarding of Certificates of Merit and Prizes  
3:00—Adjournment: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"