

through Mr. Barnett's speech  
& the miserly clapping  
that marked the close  
I wonder though <sup>can he be forgiven</sup>  
of his address, and to  
think the chapel  
audience rose to a  
man to pay its respect  
when he <sup>got up</sup> ~~rose~~ to make  
his speech. Would that  
they had risen to a  
man & hoisted him off  
the platform, all the  
way down the Mont-  
gomery highway to the  
Cradle of the Confederacy  
& there left him <sup>to</sup> ~~make~~  
tend the wounds ~~left~~  
in the place where he  
could not sit down.

the adequacy of the  
rescue, its com-  
prehensibility to the  
students - its worth-  
whileness - was the  
method of presenta-  
tion good - the ~~gri-~~  
~~dance,~~ etc, Oh dear,  
I am an awful  
critic, so much so that  
I hate myself for being  
so self analyzing

Discipline Committee  
today was mild. No  
catastrophe. Only a  
few warnings to  
boys for cutting drill,  
chapel, classes, well,  
that was one boy

in the Aviation program  
of the Army ~~was~~ rather  
overhauled somewhat  
the somewhat soothed  
the spirits of those of  
us who heard the  
Governor's speech in  
Chapel & then Mr.  
Barnett's speech at  
the air field an hour  
later. God moves in a  
mysterious way. The  
Governor was there to  
hear what a Negro  
thought of segregation.  
How embarrassed he must  
have been at the ap-  
plause ~~of~~ of the audience

who decided to winter  
here without attending <sup>Classes</sup>  
When asked what his  
program was he said  
I get up at nine, then  
clean my room, fool  
around & go to lunch;  
After lunch I go around  
with the fellows &  
then to supper - After  
supper I fool around  
some more take in a  
show & then to bed!!  
What a life for a 19 year  
old boy!

Oh yes & there was  
the football star -  
the all-American,



team to be so named  
the father of his girl  
friends came to see if  
the Committee would make  
the fellow marry <sup>his daughter</sup> ~~the girl~~  
He might only if pres-  
sure is brought to bear.  
This boy had no respect  
for his <sup>own</sup> mother, so he  
can't be expected to have  
any for a mere girl.  
He was the <sup>the</sup> wild boy  
in the <sup>residence</sup> place where I  
worked several years  
ago and hoped since  
so much <sup>adv</sup> was made  
over him he would de-  
velop into a man. But  
the stuff just isn't

out-moded political &  
social theories to the  
institution that the  
great Booker T. Washington  
founded & in his  
name flouted them  
in the face of ~~the~~  
his students, his  
faculty & his friends.  
~~That~~ Booker T. Washington  
is a much alive in  
spirit as he was the  
day he walked the  
grounds of this campus  
in flesh, & regardless  
of segregation theories  
preached from the  
throats of ill-willed  
white supremacy advocates.

in him, Senior College  
man — Star Player —  
I had of the Casper  
What a misfortune!

Feb. 13, 1942

Friday, the 13th, Bad luck  
day. Certainly bad for me  
because I became very  
angry today, which always  
upsets me terribly. I try to  
control my anger, but it  
permeates my whole system  
& for that day I am just  
<sup>no</sup> good. I have tried to  
control my ~~anger~~ <sup>temper</sup>, but it  
often runs away, either out-  
wardly or inwardly. If  
inwardly, I suffer; if



Today, the choir <sup>director</sup> ~~master~~ put a girl out of the choir for going to Birmingham with me to attend <sup>her</sup> a classmate's funeral. I explained that the girl was picked up by me at the very last minute and had time for nothing, hardly ~~for~~ enough time to dress, but he would not listen to anything, ~~and~~ <sup>she</sup> states she was <sup>of the choir</sup> sent out to stay. I had ~~not~~ <sup>no other</sup> recourse but to take the matter to the President, for the man is either a fool or crazy — the former I fear. The President is so tied up now with financial

day speech I had ever <sup>heard</sup>  
here or elsewhere. Instead  
of measuring up to the  
occasion like an in-  
telligent man would  
have done, paying <sup>homage</sup>  
to a great man, whose  
accomplishments merit  
~~that they~~ all of the  
eulogy that humans  
can give him, this  
man of the backwoods,  
this "kinsman" of Gov.  
Dixon of the family  
of Leopard-spots fame,  
this follower of  
the suspender slapping  
palms of George  
Wazent, brought his

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he will do nothing about it  
but at least I have done what  
I felt to be <sup>my duty</sup> ~~right~~. I feel that  
I have a right to excuse, with  
proper explanation, any girl  
from her duties, if I deem  
it necessary. This is one of the  
few times that I have deemed  
it necessary. I feel so  
strongly the unfairness <sup>in</sup> of  
this ~~situation~~ <sup>case</sup> that I shall  
advise the President to let  
Mr. Dawson become Dean of  
Women as I am a mere  
figurehead.

Some more about The  
Bank scandal. Bradley who  
came here either the year  
I did 1923 or the year

to be little I can do to pre-  
vent them, All of a sudden  
out of a clear sky a cloud  
appears & we are an  
adds with each other  
& we are out for weeks.  
I hope we will come  
to a real understanding  
of each other some day.  
I hope it is soon for  
after 2 yrs <sup>of living together</sup> + 10 mo. such  
a thing ought to be possible.  
Yesterday was a day  
Our "dear Governor" of  
this "fair" state of Alabama  
delivered our Founder's  
day address, I N was  
just about the most  
inappropriate. Founde-

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April 5, 1943

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since I have written a word  
here. Much has happened.  
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most destructive war in  
history is in progress  
and I write little about  
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nates me. But personal  
trials + tribulations have  
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happenings out of this diary.  
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of being upset is normal  
again. Suzanne + I ~~have~~  
had another "falling out"  
and they simply tear me  
to pieces but there seems

after Selms mixed up in it,  
at least he lost his job  
today, and the man who  
was accused is back in  
the bank, if not permanent-  
ly, at least temporarily.

Feb. 14, 1942

My husband registered to-  
day. He comes in that group  
from 20 through 44 who  
has to go up for military  
service whenever the  
government needs him.  
He isn't the strongest  
person in the world,  
but things are so serious  
and look so badly for  
the Allied Nations that every-  
one will have to con-

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is no reason why I  
should be a hypocrite  
And I simply won't  
be one.

Back to the office  
and a crowd of chapel  
cutters awaited me  
and one of the House  
Advisers. Problems  
problems. I have  
gotten so that I  
am a problem to my-  
self.

tribute what he can.

If Singapore falls and  
it seems certain that  
it will, <sup>everybody will be needed.</sup> surprising that  
it has held out as long as  
it has under such heavy  
bombardment ~~from the~~  
~~air & sea.~~ Those 3 German  
ships that slipped through  
the Strait of Dover from  
Brest have added a  
thing to the outlook for  
England & America. How  
long & what will be the  
outcome seems now  
most uncertain.

Feb. 14, 1942

Nothing unusual happened today. Only the President agreed with me that Mr. Dawson had no business putting Johnnie Wright out of the choir. That's ridiculous enough, I guess. But now I have to think up means of making him take her <sup>back</sup> without his making her feel as though she is not wanted. I think I'll talk to the President of the Choir & the Pres. of the Junior Class, and let them handle the matter. I hate to play politics with students against a teacher, and have never done it before but

terfuge; they indulge  
in to get around  
being courteous to Negroes  
& especially to Negro  
women. They will  
not, however, brood  
they may confess  
to be, call a Negro  
woman "Mrs" unless  
they have to. I don't think  
I will have any  
more to do with Mrs  
Aues, neither will I  
write any more ar-  
ticles for her. All  
whites are alike.  
I hate 'em. I realize  
too that I should be  
burned, but these

This man is impossible.  
~~The~~ Lieutenant <sup>Menning</sup> ~~Menning~~  
head of the Recreation at  
the 99th Pursuit Squadron  
air base invited me to  
be one of the Chaperons  
at the first dance given  
at the Recreation Center.  
It was crowded. I am  
sure there must have been  
between 350 + 400 people  
there — soldiers + girls.  
Every girl that I had ever  
seen in the Community was  
there, young ones + old  
ones. The old ones looked  
funny being young with  
the youngsters. But young  
or old the ladies like the

for The Southern  
Frontier

Alpha Kappa Alpha Alpha  
Health Project, re-  
vised the articles &  
sent it to me for  
approval and had  
addressed the envelope  
and the letter "Dr."

Jessie Gayman. She  
knows I am no more  
a doctor than she is.  
I had thought of trying  
to do something in the  
inter-racial cause  
in behalf of colored  
women, but I  
simply cannot work  
with these white people.  
I resent & always will  
resent all of the sub-

gentlemen <sup>as</sup> who can blame  
them. Mrs. Patterson, Mrs.  
Dibble, Mrs. Walcott, Mrs.  
Washington, Mrs. Campbell,  
Mrs. Campfield, Mrs. Beard,  
and others were also  
Chaperons. I wanted some  
of the ice cream they were  
passing around in boxes,  
but thought it would  
look out of place for me  
to be holding <sup>anything from</sup> a brick of  
ice cream before such a  
crowd. So I said, no,  
thank you. I don't care  
for any. I was so hungry  
when I got home at 12  
midnight I could have

leave Jussey in lead.  
He has made the Jazz  
orchestra feel it is so  
good that they can de-  
mand \$40<sup>00</sup> per dance  
for every dance that  
they play for student  
affairs given by the  
school. He has in-  
stilled his obnoxious  
attitude into these boys  
to such an extent <sup>that</sup> they  
are just like him. Red-  
less to say, <sup>I left</sup> the meeting  
feeling mean & hateful.

Then on top of that  
Mrs. Jessie Daniel Amee  
who had asked me  
to write ~~of~~ about the



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all persons were put  
in jail & fined \$25.<sup>00</sup>  
and the restaurant  
owner was fined

\$50.<sup>00</sup> + costs for  
permitting them <sup>whites & negroes</sup> to eat  
there. I imagine that  
in a civilized country  
Roland Hayes' wife  
was right. Hitler  
should come & kill  
off all of these "poor  
pecks" who are so  
afraid that "Negroes"  
will look down on  
them that they have  
to do something to show  
their superiority. It matters

and had nothing on hand  
by but some candy &  
preserves. Tomorrow  
is Sunday. I wonder  
could we close <sup>just</sup> up for  
one Sunday <sup>rest</sup>. <sup>1</sup>  
just rest. ~~rest~~ I like  
our routine. It is a  
very fine system. None  
like it or better in  
my opinion. But every-  
body likes a holiday.

Feb. 15, 1942

Today news came that  
Singapore had fallen  
and before that some  
very bad news that  
they were trying to  
evacuate all Euro-

not how ignorant it  
makes them seem.  
But of course that is  
the trouble they don't  
know they are ignorant  
& unenlightened.

Back to the office  
at 1 P. M. & off to a  
meeting at 3 which  
lasted until about  
4:30. It is difficult  
for me to write some-  
thing about anything  
that Wm. Dawson says  
or does. He is so ir-  
rational & causes so  
much confusion that  
I wish he would  
pull up stakes &

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they were trying to  
evacuate all Euro-

pears from the city  
and leaving people  
of other races to fend  
for themselves. How  
the Japanese must  
be laughing up  
their sleeves at us.  
By us I mean America  
& England — The Superior  
nations, composed  
of the superior white  
race. Even in the  
face of dire danger  
they can still think  
of race — discrimina-  
tion everywhere —  
but in spite of all  
of this one must be  
loyal to one's Country.

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in jail & fined \$25.<sup>00</sup>  
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should come & kill  
off all of these "poor  
pecks" who are so  
afraid that the  
well look down on  
them that they have  
to do something to show  
them respect. It matters

and the Negro is loyal —  
has always been loyal  
will his loyalty ever  
bring him the reward  
of facing the sword  
~~and~~ saying I am  
an American, without  
the reservation in  
the back of his mind  
of being a black  
American, with all  
that the consolation  
word carries? The

Inter-racial Commission  
had a representative who  
spoke in Chapel tonight  
was rather good for  
a native Mississippian  
But as good as he bound

now in Alabama that  
it might be unwise  
to even think of per-  
mitting the white &  
colored people to  
eat together at ~~the~~  
meals even though  
some might not ob-  
ject. Someone mentions  
the article that appeared  
in the Nov. 28 issue  
of the Birmingham News  
about the <sup>white</sup> college pro-<sup>Talldge</sup>  
fessor + his <sup>from Talldge</sup> mother who  
were having a conference  
meal with a young  
colored man in a colored  
restaurant in Birmingham  
The police were notified



Hayden

he can't call a Negro  
"Mr". He is progressing  
through because he pro-  
nounced Negro as it  
should be instead  
of that uncertain  
mixture Nigra - which  
is between Negro + Nig-  
ger.

Feb 18, 1942

Today I had ~~the~~  
<sup>a</sup> girl tell me for  
the second time within  
a week that she didn't  
plan to make any sort  
of statement before me  
or answer any question  
that I might ask her  
I kept her after the

girls were calling. These  
friends to come for an  
invitation before they <sup>all</sup>  
guests were gone.  
After that a meeting  
of the Farmers Conference  
Committee ~~meeting~~ where  
we heard that Secy  
Wickard of the U.S. Dept  
of Agri who was slated  
to come to speak at the  
Conference could not  
come. This meeting  
lasted for about an  
hour and a half.  
It was brought out  
here that the feeling  
against Negroes & Negro  
soldiers was tense

other girls, <sup>whom I had talked</sup> had gone, and <sup>to with her</sup> asked her if she really meant it she said, "yes." I don't plan to make any kind of statement to you. This is the girl who was so defiant during the strike, broke every regulation she could think of even coming in after hours, I advised against taking her back, The President he came soft hearted after her father died and was mysteriously killed & took her back. She is flagrantly disrespectful, & openly de-

be I had a problem  
on my hands. However  
I decided to let only  
Junior & Senior girls  
attend the ball <sup>and</sup> for the  
privilege of attending  
~~the~~ <sup>each girl</sup> had to consent  
to give her bed to a  
guest for the night  
and "chink" with a  
friend. I had hardly  
posted the notice to  
that effect when there  
was a general rush  
to the office for invi-  
tations & within less  
than an hour more  
than 40 invitations  
had been given out &

were beginning to walk  
again, after having  
been on wheels so  
long. Everyone is going  
to be healthier I know.

I had been thinking all  
night it seems to me  
about how I was to house  
60 college girls from  
Atlanta who were coming  
down to a Ball given by  
the 99 Pursuit Squadron  
at the Air Base. There are  
really 90 coming but 30  
are to stay at Dorothy  
Hall + 60 in the dormi-  
tories. Since 169 girls  
are already packed <sup>white</sup> in Hall  
where about 100 should

faint, I could wait 3  
months <sup>or</sup> have been  
dropped at the end  
of the year, but I  
don't see how I can  
~~do so~~ ~~wait~~ stand her  
that long.

Then ~~I received~~  
today I found out that  
one of the R.O.S.C. officers  
was paying the board  
& room rent of one  
of my girls; in fact  
taking care of all of her  
expenses. He, with a  
wife & child in the  
community and doesn't  
give ~~it~~ hasn't unless  
P. H. does it recently

Other is a civilian  
pilot, trying to be an  
instructor! They are  
both fine boys,  
and a real light  
to her, for she has  
~~been~~ reared them  
alone.

December 1, 1942.

This has been a day from  
early morning until I came  
home for dinner. I awoke  
in very good spirits and  
walked with my husband  
as far as his office and  
then on down the street  
to mine. This was the  
first day of national  
rationing, and people  
gasoline

given his wife & child  
anything for several years.  
He drinks, runs after  
women & is generally  
a bad 'fellow.' I  
found ~~it~~ out today  
that he had written the  
Treasurer at the begin-  
ning of the year that  
he wanted her all  
of her expenses for the  
year 1941-42. The Treasurer  
being new did not  
get the significance  
of the letter, until one  
of the old workers  
told him. The question  
now is what shall  
I do? I can't handle him.



though I can report it;  
And what shall I do  
with her. ~~He certainly~~  
~~is a bad~~ I'll sleep  
over it tonight. Some-  
times I think I would  
like to be a hermit—  
meet no one, see  
no one — just  
live by myself. But  
of course that is  
unsocial & a Pean-  
y Woman is supposed  
to be a social creature.  
But deep down in my  
heart, I get so tired  
of people — and their ways

Mrs. Valentin visited  
me during the past 5  
days. Company is well -  
conducted but your  
can't recall he has  
pitance when you  
are working and  
your mind is  
not free. I think  
they had a pleasant  
travels, and I enjoyed  
having them admire  
our home.

I shall try & get  
that article off to -  
morrow.

Madelaine's two sons  
are aviators. One is  
in the army and the

Feb. 19, 1942

Today Dr. Charlotte Hawkins  
Brown came to the Campus  
~~advertising~~ her books on  
etiquette. She wanted to  
meet the Seniors because,  
she stated, they are going  
out now & can carry the  
gospel of good manners  
with them. I think she is  
a remarkable woman, a  
powerful speaker and  
a person with a mes-  
sage. I think too she is a  
woman who has con-  
tributed much to New  
Life & Culture with the  
school she has es-  
tablished and the Stan-

lished by white Southern  
women for the Alpha  
Kappa Alpha Health  
project. Writing is a  
difficult task for me.  
It is sheer drudgery.  
Mrs Ames, the editor,  
wants me to write a  
series of articles but  
I don't think I can  
do it, I have to spend  
too much mental  
energy and then the  
finished product  
is nothing to brag  
about.

My friend and school-  
mate Madeline Clark  
Hoskins and her friend

dads she has <sup>yet</sup> ~~scolded~~  
young Negro women. <sup>But</sup> I  
just don't like to see  
her so obviously look  
selling. She is a skill-  
ful woman she  
should be able to get  
her books sold with-  
out such obvious personal  
admonition. Tonight she  
scolded Negro young  
men for their lack of  
wisdom. I was sorry  
that she found our  
young men so dis-  
courteous but they  
~~are~~ are. Very much so.  
I hope we can change.

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That are now in school. Each day a few leave. The men's side of Chapel is beginning to look pathetic! so many seats are vacant! When the 18 and 19 year olds are called we won't have ~~much~~ ~~left~~ many boys left, for the freshmen make up the largest group now.

I have worked very hard to day trying to write a short article for the "Southern Frontier" a small paper pub-

orientation course in  
good manners re-  
quire of all students  
who enter Tuskegee,  
plus setting up our pro-  
gram to carry out  
what we preach  
will help a great  
deal. I wish we could  
have just one real  
meal <sup>served family style</sup> a day, or if  
just once a week  
would be most ~~great~~  
helpful.

leading the crowd  
in their clamor for a  
second front. The  
American forces are now  
settling down to business  
after having invaded  
the ~~Ap~~ French pos-  
sessions of northern  
Africa. I hope the  
strategy of squeezing  
the Nazi troops to  
death between the  
British and American  
troops will be ef-  
fective, and that  
they won't be allowed  
to escape from Libya  
all of which brings up  
the question of the boss



years, and it is the  
first time in the  
school's history that  
~~approximately 950-50~~  
the enrollment has been  
approximately 50-50 when  
men & women are con-  
cerned. There have al-  
ways been more  
boys than girls, nearly  
three to one.

The big news of the  
day has begun to be  
taken for granted  
after many months  
of requests for a  
perched front by  
the American people  
— Wendell Wilkie

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Feb. 28, 1942

Today I had a terrible experience from the point of view of my nervous system. I witnessed a scene between the obstinate, temperamental, unreasonable <sup>+ ignorant as far as his duties</sup> Chair Master - Dawson & The President.

Wow! I am sorry I got into this but it was Dawson's fault and he had it coming to him.

About 10 o'clock this morning the President sent for me I was sure ~~that~~ he wanted me for a conference about the housing of the Secret Service.

who are coming here  
at the end of this week. ~~at~~  
Since the women's Dormitories  
are getting nothing out  
of these people I feel we  
should not have to house  
them but that those who  
are getting the money should  
do the work, namely the  
Home Economics Department  
~~I looked for~~

Well, this wasn't what  
he wanted at all, but he  
wanted to know if Mr. Dawson  
had taken Johnnie Wright  
back into the choir. I  
told him as far as I  
knew ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~, as  
Mr. Dawson had sent me

and rugs, and likes the  
taste we have shown  
<sup>in the</sup> selection of furniture.  
It is all beautiful  
as well as serviceable.

My and so much  
else has happened I  
dare not try to bridge  
the gap between now  
and then, for events  
are happening so fast  
one dare not take  
time to think back,  
for before you  
realize it you will  
be behind again.

Just school opened  
with the largest en-  
rollment 7 girls in

a new ~~chair~~ list. revised  
list of the Choir members  
and <sup>Johnnie Wright's name</sup> ~~he~~ was ~~not~~ there  
was deliberately left off  
the list.

Well then the President  
sent for Mr. Dawson and  
after much discussion  
he was ordered to take  
Johnnie back. He wig-  
gled <sup>as</sup> he talked saying  
~~to boast~~ <sup>how he had</sup> handled the  
choir for 10 years and had  
managed it very well.  
The President said he did  
not care if he had handled  
it for 50 years, he had  
not treated this girl  
fairly. Then he told

the Oaks, Dr. Booker  
Washington's home into  
an apartment, which  
we have furnished  
to suit our own  
taste or, as my hus-  
band says, to suit my  
taste. It has been ex-  
pensive but we have  
gotten a great deal  
of pleasure <sup>out</sup> of it. It  
is our first real home,  
and I wanted to make  
it as colorful and  
cheerful and as com-  
fortable as our friends  
would allow. And  
it is. Everyone admires

him that he was a  
fifth Columnist if  
there ever was one  
as he had "belly ached"  
all over the post office  
Sunday about how  
the Bank should  
never have been  
closed, etc, etc, and  
if there was anyone  
who should have  
instead of trying to  
stir things up he  
should have been  
trying to help keep  
people calm + ~~help~~  
as an officer of  
the school try to up-  
hold the institution.

I should be looking out for  
another job. One in which  
I can be myself —  
normal, natural —  
afraid. All of my life  
I have been conforming  
to someone else's con-  
ception of how I should  
act, what I should  
do, etc. Now I would  
like to be on my way

\*

November 17-1942

many months have passed  
since I wrote in this  
diary and much has  
happened since that  
day. For one thing we  
have moved my  
husband and I from



During the conference something came  
up & the President said "So  
you mean you are resigning"  
& Dawson answered "No"  
and not resigning. The President  
seemed to want him to  
instead of berating what  
had been done.

I really felt sorry  
for "the old cock - since"  
"I know it all", you  
"have to do as I say"  
for I am "right"  
Dawson. He certainly  
had a lot of wind  
taken out of him  
and I am glad for  
I and Johnnie are vindi-  
cated by the depla-  
tion of his "ego".

The former Treasurer  
Mr. Isaac  
while in office had a  
big house build to  
order, his own special  
— a big was

Concerning my job - Sometimes I cannot see things as the President does. I like a man who is not afraid to take a stand some kind of stand - who won't preach one thing as there does another, who will say no & mean it - who won't say stay within the budget & then tells you to do things that runs your budget up. God I have run <sup>up</sup> against him so often I know he is going to call me in the end and say he needs me no longer, so I think

And regardless of what the  
white race may think  
the Japanese are on  
its neck, and the  
"handwriting is on the  
wall." It may take  
many, many years  
and we judge  
said the other night  
for the Negro it is  
going to take blood +  
tears, not in battle  
fighting side by side  
with yellow white  
Americans but against  
him, because the Negro  
can make him treat  
him as a human being

of space, material and  
a knowledge of what  
could have been an  
ideal home — but  
no he wanted some-  
thing special — some-  
thing that nobody else  
wants and since he  
lost his job is trying  
to get out of moving  
into it. I understood  
that ~~the~~ most of the  
money that was to have  
been used for 2 cottages  
has gone into this  
one leaving me, the  
other was for fire — high  
and dry, and to heap  
more coal on the fire

he has suggested, I am  
sure that we line  
in it. How would  
I look with a <sup>12</sup> room  
not a piece of furni-  
ture to go in it; well  
almost not a piece,  
for we have one bed-  
room suit & enough  
pieces of furniture  
for a library.  
And some dishes.

March 1, 1942

The <sup>Boz</sup> tournament has  
come and <sup>has</sup> gone. This  
was really a thrilling  
season of games.  
I have never worked  
so hard at doing  
it with the

is telling the white race  
it can't survive if  
it holds on to its old  
idea of white supremacy -  
many, but the white  
race does not want  
to give in one inch,  
it wants to keep  
its old worn out  
ideas. It wants to  
keep all other races  
& peoples under its  
feet, but the good  
old days for them  
is passing. They are  
loosing their death  
struggle with the old  
traditions of practice.  
Thanks to the Japs.

I felt so exhausted  
as I did after these  
games. <sup>\*</sup>I played  
harder than the players.  
I heard many other  
people say the same  
thing, I presume you  
have enjoyed a  
game when are  
thoroughly worn out  
when it is over. Florida  
A + M College beat  
Dusky by a score  
of 53 to 52, Dusky  
should have won  
The game as ~~the~~ they  
were leading several  
times, but they could  
not make good

no problem to  
solve, as some  
great Negro has  
said. Negro has  
and would have  
as some great Negro  
has <sup>also</sup> said — life  
would be rather  
monotonous. I would  
like to see the end  
of all of this but  
I am afraid I  
won't see the dawn  
of a new day. The  
thing is becoming more  
& more acute be-  
cause of the racial  
situation as com-  
plicated by the  
Japanese today.  
The radio, the press,  
the pulpit even  
a galaxy of communication



their free throws nor  
their the shot from  
the floor. But it  
was a thriller + good  
basketball regardless  
of our loss. <sup>Fla.</sup> A & M, has  
a good team.

Today I am on  
the ~~my~~ duty again of  
inspecting Chapel  
uniforms before the  
regular <sup>morning</sup> service of all  
the girls. My I wonder  
are the girls as tired  
as I am of saying,  
you have a run in  
your hose, why don't  
you polish your  
shoes? etc. etc. etc.

clean? Brush off your  
coat & shirt before you  
leave your room.  
Please press your tie.

Today I had a

long talk with Ruth  
Lucas, President of the <sup>Association</sup>  
Women Students, who <sup>has</sup> asked  
could not stay at Juss  
for a conference with me  
Kegee. I was perfect-  
ly frank & told her  
the circumstances. I am  
not sure that I con-  
vinced her as to my  
point of view. She is  
so changeable herself  
but and you really  
can't tell where Ruth  
stands most times. I

before.

Then today I wanted  
a pair of bedroom slippers.  
I walked in the  
store & saw a pair  
I liked. The clerk  
showed some besides  
but I tried them on  
but I said no at  
tentation to that. When  
I was sitting he  
got up to wrap them  
& saying you may <sup>come</sup>  
over here for your  
package, leaving my  
shoe on the floor  
& me sitting there ~~with~~  
waiting for him to put  
it back on as he

most times her motions  
are good. I told her  
that the Discipline  
Committee could  
meet if the Chairman  
called it but I would  
not ask him to ~~call~~ <sup>call</sup> a  
~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> as my stand on  
the matter was the  
same as it ~~has~~ was.

I had not changed  
my opinion - that Grace  
would thrive better  
under different cir-  
cumstances.

Bishop Nichols  
of the A. M. E. Church  
talked tonight in Chapel

another. It manifests  
itself whenever you  
go. I think I related  
my experience with  
the optician's assistant  
when in answer to her  
question, "What is the  
name please" I  
said - Mrs. Geyman. She  
didn't understand the  
first time, so I had  
to repeat it, not  
realizing what she was  
after. When the doctor  
came out she said,  
"Mrs. Geyman says  
she is here to see you.  
I have never called  
a missus, Mrs. Geyman."

tells the students to have  
self respect and do  
not call other Negroes  
by their names as  
"Thompson" without  
prefacing it with  
"Mr." in front of white  
people, because they  
don't want you to say  
it, but have self  
respect and call a  
man "Mr." so that  
was the only way  
that Negroes could help  
demand rights & principles  
as American Citizens.

It is true that  
most of us are afraid  
that if we do not assume

same.

Montgomery, the Capital  
of the Confederacy is  
what the name im-  
plies. The Confederacy  
still lives in Montgomery  
as much alive as it  
was in Jeff Davis's  
time — the only thing  
missing is slavery —  
in slavery's place  
is all the prejudice  
& intolerance and  
arrogance that a  
southerner can show  
toward the descendants  
of slaves or what a  
so-called superior race  
can show toward

the role white people expect of us we will be ~~was~~ insulted or not receive the kind of treatment that would make you smooth, if not satisfactory, race relationships. White women especially are noted for <sup>not</sup> wanting to call Negro women by their married names, prefixed by Mrs. They are very wasteful about it too,



now; that I have  
made <sup>many</sup> a great mis-  
take. What burns me  
up so is that in  
crises situations I  
can't do my best  
thinking because  
anger & furor  
prohibits me from  
expressing myself  
in cold logic. ~~All~~  
I can do is  
with fury & hatred  
flaming from my  
eyes make a bad  
impression when  
that is all wrong  
but that is my  
reaction just the

March 4 1962

But I am tired tonight.  
The strain of having so  
much before me, and  
apparently getting nothing  
done worries me. Whenever  
I have to write a paper  
or deliver a speech  
I am worried. How I  
hate to make speeches,  
I am so very self-conscious!  
If I could just forget I  
am making the speech  
things would be all  
right but I always  
want to be so profound,  
so different from  
other people who make

relationships with the  
white group. My  
disposition isn't the  
sweetest in the world  
at its best, and I am  
easily upset at the  
least thing which  
does not go the way  
I think it should.

This is being quite  
frank about myself.  
My husband says I  
think I am always  
right. On the spur of  
the moment most  
times I do, but  
when I think things  
over I know many  
times that I am

not done. The paper  
isn't so bad because  
you can reverse &  
reverse to your hearts  
content, but when a  
speech is made it is  
made - irrevocably.

To be Grace is off  
my mind the Discipline  
Committee did not let  
me down, for which I  
am grateful.

I am trying to get the  
the housing situation  
straight, so there won't  
be any mix-up ~~to~~  
when guests come. As  
it is now two groups  
are likely to run aghast

together at one time.  
I was sad, but 'twas  
true.

Had I been a relative  
of the great Borker's  
I too ~~would~~ would  
have been with  
that bunch of crows,

What if I had  
not been born a  
Negro? I don't know  
just what — but  
this I do know  
that I would have  
been free from the  
torture & humil-  
iated that burnt  
me up each time.  
I would have been

in one each other and  
then there is confusion  
I don't think much came  
out of it, but everyone  
knows how I stand  
on the situation.

✓ Then today I alone  
against a whole group  
holding out for the 7 to  
10 o'clock hour for stu-  
dent dances. Really I  
have no particular reason  
~~except~~ ~~the traditional~~  
the health one of object  
to the 8 to 11 o'clock hr.  
These are poor boys +  
girls. They have to work  
hard and as it is

that time he has  
not been able to  
work, and will  
not be able to  
work as long as  
he lives if the  
Trustees continue  
to send him a sti-  
pend each month.  
At a Howland's Day  
Exercise when the  
family was seated  
together in the <sup>the family</sup> Chapel as they do  
each year, a friend  
of mine sitting next  
to me said, "I have  
never seen such a  
..."

all night around places  
hallowing & being noisy  
& drumming out. You can't  
in any big city see  
young boys & girls  
out on the streets a  
noisy midnight &  
day after. These young  
people have to learn  
that simply because in  
the cities a particular  
way of life exists, &  
they only know about  
the lower type of life,  
there is no reason  
why it should be  
brought to our campus.

Some of these added brain ad-  
vice of students on



Booker T's fingers,  
I am bad. Barker the  
2nd is very support  
by the school having  
gotten himself in bad  
with the law in  
Montgomery, Ala. by  
patronizing a white  
red light district,  
while drunk. He  
was spinned out  
of town by school  
authorities, & sent to  
Chicago. Once there  
he proceeded to  
get sick and the  
school paid his  
bills at Provident  
Hospital since

to learn some common  
sense. Tomorrow the  
matter goes to the Exec-  
utive Council. I wonder  
when anything really  
worth while will be  
brought to the Executive  
Council for decision. But  
anyway there will be  
much more debate than  
was in the meeting  
this afternoon & in the  
end the students will  
win. S

March 8, 1942

Garry made a mistake  
there was no debate.  
It passed. The matter  
of dance hours passed

death because he did  
not want to be bled  
white by Barker  
the III who borrowed  
& borrowed & borrowed  
to the last cent. The  
poor fellow thought  
not without facets  
himself could not  
even own his own  
shirts - And to boot  
the myth came down  
on him as another  
leech to suck his  
life's blood. The  
whole bunch put  
together isn't worth <sup>one</sup>  
the finger nail on  
the grand old

without any kind of  
argument. I didn't  
put up any because  
I knew I would  
be the only one  
holding out for the  
old House & the  
odds were against  
me.

Tonight I had  
meeting of all Hall  
Councils by the Council  
of the A.W.S. ~~By~~ The  
Hall Councils are part  
of A.W.S. Very good  
meeting, I think I  
see progress in atten-  
dances & sales. There

tention of earning a  
living. As for Nettie, the  
grand-daughter, with  
child, though her  
husband committed  
suicide 6 mos after  
they married after  
a whirlwind courtship  
of about 2 months.  
Concerning her laziness  
& lack of interest in  
helping him, as a  
wife neither picking  
up clothes nor cleaning  
the one room they lived  
in when he went to  
work, but stayed in  
bed all day. Pickering  
& nagging him to his

spirit shown than  
there was 4 years  
ago. The girls seem to  
know what it is all  
about, that is they  
try to cooperate not  
instead of becoming  
antagonized at any-  
thing suggested. In  
4 more years there  
which will be the  
period during which  
2 generations of stu-  
dents will have passed  
through the institution  
our system of handling  
the girls may work  
Dawson sent word

What would you do  
if you should give up  
your job as Dean  
of Women. \*

The reason for the  
first question is the  
fact that Booker  
Washington's two  
grand children & his  
daughter-in-law Booker  
the second's are  
back in the Community  
& want the school  
to support them —  
actually support <sup>them</sup> —  
give them shelter &  
food & and let the  
mother play at working  
for she has no in —

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there was 4 years  
ago. The girls seem to  
know what it is all  
about. That is they  
try to cooperate rather  
instead of becoming  
antagonists at any-  
thing suggested. In  
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which will be the  
period during which  
2 generations of stu-  
dents will have passed  
through the institution  
our system of handling  
the girls may work  
Dawson sent word  
to Johnnie Arrows last



week that she could  
resume rehearsal with  
the show tomorrow.  
Glad he did not  
continue to eat un-  
wisely.

Saw a "cute" thing  
today. I don't con-  
done! vulgarly or  
improper among  
students but it was  
saw. This morning  
just after breakfast,  
a boy walked home  
with one of the girls. She  
called when they parted.  
She called him back  
to get his meal book.  
She returned she went

June 13 1943

Today many thoughts  
have passed through  
my head that have  
made me think a  
great deal. The first  
question was - What  
if you had been  
born a relative of  
Booker T. Washington  
~~and~~ the second  
what if you had  
not been born a  
Negro as inconvenient  
and as humiliating as  
it is to be one? And  
the third, less signifi-  
cant but to me finan-  
cially is important

to meet him and they  
met and to face  
bissed turned around  
like 2 soldiers &  
went about their  
business. I know  
they didn't know I was  
looking out of the win-  
dow & said I am  
~~But I am sure~~

March 17, 1942

Read a paper in a  
series of lectures <sup>con-</sup> given  
by ~~Mr.~~ <sup>Con-</sup> ducted by Mr.  
Robson for his Fresh-  
man Class in Biology  
It <sup>has</sup> ~~had~~ been several  
on my mind several  
months and I have

maine yesterday, to the  
returned June 6. I think  
he really wants to be  
drafted, though he isn't  
a strong man, as he  
states. He has stomach  
ulcers, hay fever, asthma  
poor eyesight - in fact  
almost everything you  
can think of, but he  
didn't list them. He  
goes to Aurora, Mo. to  
take a course in Pho-  
to Engraving June 6  
but I think he really  
wants to be called a  
an 'interpreter.

worked on it strenuously  
for a week or more  
sometimes all day.  
"Abnormal Inheri-  
tance in the Family"  
Lecture to me, mind wasn't  
very much, but I  
learned plenty in pre-  
paring it. I would  
much prefer to talk  
on the significance  
of abnormality to  
society. As the children  
say - I really could  
go to town on that.  
Mr. Davis & Mrs. Gmillin  
my old colleagues were  
there. Glad they came

June 2, 1942

The big thing in the news is 20,000 persons killed in Cologne and 54,000 wounded. This is war; horrible war. The English this time bombed a German city. I can't help but think <sup>that</sup> regardless of whose side it is on that's a lot of people to die at once and too many wounded. I can't rejoice because our side did this to the enemy.

My husband's filled out an Occupational Question

more interesting. Sorry  
too because I did  
not have too much  
to offer. However I  
do my best,  
Sunday Alice Wilson  
had 0.4 fingers cut  
off in the bread cut-  
ter in the Cafeteria. It  
seems a boy turned  
on the switch while  
she was taking bread  
from the cutter. That  
was a great mis-  
fortune - but she is  
taking it philosophi-  
cally, stating she is  
glad it was not  
her right hand.

(having a good time)  
generally socializing. The  
woman who cleans  
my house lives about  
a mile from the in-  
stitution and she told  
me that she was  
doing all of her work  
before Monday, because  
that was her day off  
she had to come to  
Commencement. Out  
of curiosity I said  
how do you enjoy the  
speeches. Oh, she said,  
I never go inside.  
My friends are all  
on the outside.



crowd the stands ~~plus~~  
mult especially to see  
them drinks, & sand-  
wiches & ice cream.  
There is barbecue  
& peanuts, candy -  
in fact anything that  
is easily palatable. The  
stores especially stock  
for this day & at the  
end of the day there  
is nothing left. You  
can hardly buy a pop.  
\* But they enjoy it  
in all of their surplus.  
Lolling about the  
benches, sitting on the  
lawns, walking up  
& down the streets.

And the poorest people  
without hands or  
feet who could  
make a living for  
themselves. Alice  
is a Home Ec. student.  
I was greatly surprised  
at her general at-  
titude. Just through  
of Junior. She ~~was~~  
hardly ever smiles  
& seems very resent-  
ful when I or  
the House Adviser  
say anything to her.  
Sometimes misfortunes  
are the cause of our  
revealing a side of  
our nature that

before touched  
Went to the air base  
Saturday night with a  
group of 80 or 90  
girls to the dance  
given there for the  
soldiers. It was  
quite nice, but very  
crowded. It was  
too quite an ex-  
penditure for the girls.  
Edith + Clara + game + W  
with the soldiers  
behind a truck but  
I saw them + be-  
fore I realized it  
I was all right. Very  
lovely it seems to  
be a U.S. Air Force

and to just have a  
good time. They come  
in all kinds of con-  
veyances. Formerly it  
was in wagons drawn  
by mules & horses; then  
the Ford car came  
the all kinds of cars;  
now with the war  
on, any way they  
can get here. Planta-  
tion owners let them  
use big trucks &  
early in the morning walk  
or otherwise they trek  
in from all directions  
all over the count-  
ry, old middle  
age, & they

from behind the truck  
Edith came. Clara had  
not <sup>not gone</sup> completely from  
sight. These girls  
need a eyes peeled  
to them all the time.  
Indeed all of the girls  
from Hampton are  
problems — just  
don't have the right  
attitude. I can see  
why Hampton put  
them out in their  
junior year. Why  
did we have to take  
them?

us who have experienced  
it for many many years  
it is a very natural  
thing. In fact, Tuske-  
gee would not be  
Tuskegee if on Com-  
mencement day from  
miles & miles about  
thousands of counties  
people did not lay  
down their work  
to flock to the Cam-  
pus to "enjoy Commence-  
ment." What they really  
do is to flock to see  
friends they have  
not seen for a year  
& won't see again

March 25, 1942

Have been ~~push~~ for  
past week with  
the "Fly". Went to  
Motor Corps class  
tonight for first  
time in a week.  
Tests began last  
Thursday night. Will  
have to catch up.  
Had to ~~change~~ change  
a tire tonight and  
replace removed ig-  
nition wires. That  
jacking up of car  
almost wore me  
out and the tire  
was so heavy. It  
took me a long

and Dr Bond Director of the  
school of Education covered  
up our "ill-easiness"  
by starting the "Susquehanna  
Song" for which the  
President said a simple  
but grateful "thank you"  
and we all felt the  
same in our hearts.

Commencement Day is  
most colorful. To <sup>at Susquehanna</sup> one who  
sees it for the first  
time it offers extremes,  
~~as a new faculty member~~  
~~point~~ On that day  
the sublime & the  
ridiculous meet and  
there is no incongruity



time to jack up car  
as the jack was  
too short and I  
put it in the center  
of the car instead  
of near rear wheel.  
Anyway finally got  
it off!

March 30 1942

Finally got through  
with the Motor Corps  
course. Didn't know  
much but hope I  
passed the course.  
Had so little time to  
put on it. Must now  
turn in note books.

There is much ado  
in the teachers + workers

dent meddling the police  
& not obeying orders were  
put in jail by them  
and it was not until  
50 or so students were  
suspended some per-  
manently that order was  
brought out of chaos.

That was the worst  
experience we ever  
had. So bewildered was  
our President by the  
affair that at general  
faculty meeting he stood  
up & wept. I was  
just outside the door  
when this happened and  
you would feel the  
atmosphere of the air