

DEDICATION

AT BONNY OAKS

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New Building for Colored Boys
Ready for Use.

Governor Roberts to Make the
Principal Address Next
Sunday Afternoon.

Dedication of the building provided for colored children at Bonny Oaks, which has just been completed, will take place next Sunday with an interesting program arranged for the occasion. Gov. Roberts has promised to be present, and he will make the principal address. C. C. Menzler, secretary of the state board of charities and corrections, is also down for an address, and the colored people will be represented by the Rev. N. D. Shambourger.

The new building is to take the place of an old one, which was destroyed by fire about two years ago. The institution has been seriously crippled since that time in taking care of negro boys, large numbers of whom would have been sent to the school had there been no accommodations. The board of trustees has labored long to secure the new building, and its members are much encouraged now that an important phase of the institution's usefulness is to be taken care of.

In erecting the new building an effort was made to make it as nearly fire-proof as possible. Hollow tile has been used for the superstructure, with the exterior neatly finished in stucco. The floors are of concrete and the heating plant is well protected.

As yet provision for the furnishings has not been made, but the board understands that a number of the leading negro citizens are to get busy and raise sufficient funds from private sources to equip the institution.

The financing of this improvement has not been an easy task. Two years ago this month the county court appropriated the money to rebuild the colored boys' home, but no provision was made for the funds. The succeeding year was a close one with the county and no money was available for the purpose. The year just closed provided sufficient surplus revenue for the county to justify Judge Conner in authorizing the board to proceed, and he has paid out during the year approximately \$20,000 for the purpose.

The dedication will take place next Sunday afternoon at 3 on the campus of the Bonny Oaks school. L. G. Walker, president of the board of trustees, will preside, and the following program will be carried out:

Music—Orchestra of Highland Park Methodist church.

Song—"America."

Scripture Reading—The Rev. Dr. J. W. Bachman.

Invocation—The Rev. Dr. W. S. Keese.

Word of Welcome—By the superintendent.

Response—C. C. Menzler.

Addresses by visitors.

Song, "Open the Door for the Children,"

by Mr. Wood and Miss Morgan.

Address Gov. A. H. Roberts.

Song—"The Star-Spangled Banner."

Address—The Rev. N. D. Shambourger.

Benediction—The Rev. John C. Petty.