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Education of Adult Negroes Envisioned By Head of A. and M.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 2, (AP)—The 33-year-old new president of Florida A. and M. College for negroes believes his institution must emphasize training that is "serviceable to the great mass of negro people in our State who are 'down-to-earth' people."

In a statement of his ideas in connection with education of negroes, Dr. W. H. Gray Jr., said "I think the school has a job of training not only the young people of our racial group, but the adult and older people.

"Although we do not intend to delete any of the basic academic work of the college proper, we do feel that the curriculum of the institution can be made more flexible and we are now going forward to institute a program of terminal education to provide six months and one-year courses in the following fields:

"Agriculture and practical farming; printing; tailoring, or tailoring plumbing or plumber's helper; welding, barbering, radio, carpentry, electricity, beauty culture; one and two-year courses in foods and clothing, and laundering."

These courses, he said, "are especially designed to provide the necessary skills for earning a living and becoming useful citizens without the unnecessary frills that are required so often in getting a college degree.

"We believe that we should be as concerned about turning out 'first farmers' here at the college as we are about turning out farm and home demonstration agents.

"We entertain these thoughts because we recognize by and large that negro people do find greater opportunities in these areas of work.

"We are likewise concerned about teaching our students procedures of conduct in order that they might get along with people and their behavior will be such that it can enhance their vocational efficiency.

"We believe that proper conduct and behavior will not only enable our students to get along with their own people but that it will assist them in inspiring confidence among the whites and they will be in better position to work creatively and constructively toward improving their particular position in the community and at the same time add to the forward progress and advancement of the Southland in general."

Gray was appointed to the presidency of the State-supported negro college after serving three years as head of the Baptist Florida Normal Institute at St.

preacher, Gray