

Carver Portrait Is Presented To Smithsonian Inst.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The portrait of Dr. George Washington Carver, eminent Tuskegee scientist, was hung in the Smithsonian institute recently in a presentation service attended by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and many other notables.

The portrait, by Betsy Graves Reyneau, was presented to the institute by Vice President Henry A. Wallace on behalf of the Carver Memorial committee, and was a part of the opening of a special exhibition of "Portraits of Leading Negro Americans" by Mrs. Reyneau and Laura Wheeler Waring, the latter instructor of the fine arts at the Cheyney State college, Cheyney, Pa.

In making the presentation, Mr. Wallace said he considered the outstanding characteristic of Dr. Carver the "complete and utter sympathy he had with nature." Wallace also praised the artist for her faithful representation of this feeling. The Vice President met Dr. Carver 50 years ago at Iowa State university where they both were students.

In addition to the portrait of Dr. Carver, Mrs. Reyneau's group included portraits of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Judge Jane Bolin, Dr. Charles Drew, Judge William A. Hastie, Atty. Charles Houston, Dr. Eugene K. Jones, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, Dr. Alain Locke, Warren Logan, Paul Robeson, Edward Lee, Dr. Channing Tobias and Dr. Monroe N. Work.

Mrs. Waring's group consists of portraits of Marian Anderson, Harry T. Burleigh, Brig.-Gen. B. O. Davis, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Dr. George Edmund Haynes and James Weldon Johnson. The portraits will be displayed through May 28 in the Natural History building, under the auspices of the National Collection of Fine Arts, after which they will be displayed in other sections of the country.

Mrs. Roosevelt witnessed the presentation ceremony, in which Dr. Charles G. Abbot, secretary of the Smithsonian institute, accepted the portrait on behalf of the institution. Assistant Secretary of Interior, Oscar L. Chapman, introduced Mr. Wallace. Members of the Carver Memorial committee through whose efforts the portrait of Dr. Carver was financed, were Mrs. Lauchlin Curry, Mrs. Oscar Chapman and Melvin Hildreth. Among others in attendance were Gen. Davis, Dr. Drew, Judge Hastie and Dr. Johnson and Dr. Locke.