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Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Students Association
Tentative Plan for Membership Drive
O. J. Thomas, Chairman Membership Committee

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

No organization is any stronger than its membership. My thorough belief in this statement as a fact is doubtless responsible for my appearance here today as your membership chairman.

I have been informed that since Principal Emeritus Banks came to Prairie View, 4045 people have received their Bachelor degrees here; to say nothing of the 93 who have received their Master's degrees, and the thousands of other graduates and former students who have passed through Prairie View. While these graduates and ex-students are scattered throughout the world, many are located in Texas in responsible positions.

In this group lies inestimable potential strength that could be utilized not only for the well being of Prairie View, but for the Negroes of Texas and the Southwest.

During the past two years that I have served you in this capacity, with the cooperation of our outstanding leaders in their several communities we have enrolled in 1945, 576 members, making a total of 1061. While these numbers are far above the approximately 100 that we were enrolling the surface has not yet been scratched - of course the war has been in process and that is a good excuse, but the war is over now and our new President has already announced a program calling for at least 35 local clubs - with these clubs and with your full cooperation I see no reason why we should not enroll at least 1500 members by May, 1947.

Our tentative plan is as follows:

1. Encourage enrollment at the November homecoming by having on hand at the meeting and the dance membership clerks to receive fees and issue membership cards to all persons who enroll.
2. Initiate a drive January 1, 1947 through the 50 odd members of the membership committee already appointed by the president and through all local clubs.
- 3 Each collector is to make a Progress report on March 1 and May 1. This will greatly facilitate matters in record keeping and lessen work on Alumni Day. Supplementary reports can be made at the May meeting.
- 4 Each collector will give his receipt and upon reporting to the Chairman at Prairie View. Membership cards will be mailed to him immediately already filled out. In sending in reports Collectors are urged to send a list of all members and their titles of all members and their titles and addresses.

6 Membership cards will carry a number. All members will keep their cards and bring them to the May meeting to be used in Voting, etc.

As chairman of your committee, I am soliciting your full cooperation in making this year a banner year for membership - with a strong organization we can, mean much for the growth and development of our Alma Mater, without it we can only give ~~the~~ service and waste our time in wistful thinking.

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