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Prairie View, Texas

NEWS LETTER

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A CALENDAR—FEBRUARY, MARCH, 1942

- a Registration for Second semester.....February 2
- b History Discussion..Mr Dawson.....February 5
- c History Discussion..Mr Leuter.....February 6
- d History Discussion.. Mr Warren.....February 12
- e History Discussion.. Miss Burdine.....February 13
- f N F A & N H M Contest..Miss May & Mr Potts .February 13-14
- g Arbor Week...Mr C L Wilson and Committee...February 16-22
- h N F A & N H M...Miss May & Mr Potts.....February 20-21
- i History Discussion...Dr Evans.....February 26
- j A A High School Basketball.....February 27-28

- a Post Graduate Medical Assembly..Dr Smith.....March 2-5
- b Librarian's Conference.....Mr Baker.....March 5
- c 13th Educational Conference.....March 6
- d Houston Symphony.....March 8
- e Leadership Institute..(Presbyterian Church)...March 16-18
Mr Hilliard
- f State Band Festival.....March 21
- g P T A Annual Musicale.....March 22
- h Skills Examination.....March 23-25
- i Faculty Entertainment....Mr H E Fuller.....March 24

B CONGRATULATIONS

Professor and Mrs Robert S Beale, a son, Robert S Beale, Jr.
The boy was born at a good place—Prairie View State College.

C INCOME TAX

Practically every staff member will have to make returns on his income this year. It has been thought best to appoint a committee to study the tax forms that the members might be helpful to those who are not quite familiar with such matters. The committee is composed of the following:

R W Hilliard

O J Baker

H R Turner

J J Abernethy

Dr A K Smith

D ARBOR WEEK

The Arbor Committee has set February 16-22 as Arbor Week. It is the plan to plant a number of trees, and put out considerable shrubbery and flowers. Let us all cooperate with the committee by looking after our lawns in the matter of planting shrubbery and flowers. Mr C L Wilson is the chairman of the Arbor Committee.

E TH NURSES

The Federal government is anxious to employ as many colored graduate nurses as are available. All nurses must have a Red Cross Certificate. It has been found that the Prairie View State College Nurses can qualify for service under the Red Cross by putting in nine months instead of six at the Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston, Texas. Arrangements have been made for the extension of the nurses' time in Houston, and we are happy to report that the present senior class of nurses will satisfy the requirements for the Red Cross Certificate.

F CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The Federal Civilian Defense Authority plans for two Blackouts in the Gulf Coast area this month. The first will be February 2, from 9:00 to 9:15 o'clock p.m., and the second, February 5, from 8:00 to 8:30 o'clock p.m. Prairie View State College will participate in this activity 100%. Kindly follow the instructions which will be in your hands by Sunday, February 1. Mr C L Wilson is in charge here. We want to urge everyone to follow instructions to the letter.

G THE WAR !!

The most destructive war in the history of man is now being waged. Practically every civilized nation on the globe is involved, either directly or indirectly. It can well be said that the world is on fire! Wars are expensive regardless of their scope. The United States' Government is spending \$60,000,000,000 for war purposes. This money must be raised from the citizens in the forms of taxation and the purchase of Defense Bonds and Red Cross Contributions.

a Red Cross

President Roosevelt has asked the American citizens to contribute \$50,000,000 for the Red Cross program. Waller County has been allocated \$1,700 as its quota of the amount. Of this amount, Prairie View has been asked to raise \$200. We have given the authorities the assurance that Prairie View State College is 100% behind President Roosevelt's program, and that on February 4, Mr Abernethy, our local chairman would report \$200.00 cash. Every person on the payroll here is asked to contribute. This is in addition to the annual Red Cross Roll Call.

b Defense Bonds

Waller County has been asked by the Federal Government to raise \$365,000 through the

purchase of Defense Bonds. The campaign to raise this sum is being carried to the door of every citizen in the county who has any kind of income. Children are urged to purchase stamps and bonds. Participating in Defense Bond Buying is a systematic saving from which the investor benefits. We are happy to report that the employees at Prairie View State College have voted through their divisions or departments to support this movement wholeheartedly. We are required to send to Mr Scofield, collector of Internal Revenue, and Governor Coke Stevenson each month the amount each employee has invested in Defense Bonds or Defense Stamps, and the names of those who do not purchase either. It has always been the spirit of Prairie View to discharge its duty to state and national government 100%. We shall see that this commendable record is maintained.

H CREDIT UNION

The Prairie View State College Credit Union's Annual Report reflected these important points--

1. Total Savings, Reserves, and Earnings for 1941
\$4,574.34
2. Total Cash on Hand, December 31, 1941...\$1,244.34
3. Number of Credit Union Members 101
4. Amount of Loans Charged off Since Organization..None
5. Dividends declared on Savings.....6%

The above is an impressive factor. Not many concerns have earned 6% on invested capital. Dr Smith and his officers deserve the "Well done thou good and faithful servants."

I NEW SHOP BUILDING

There is going up near the northeast side of the Mechanical Arts Building a new metal shop building with dimensions 80' x 140'. The cost of this building is \$22,000.00. It will be used for classes in Defense Training in Welding, Machine Shop Practice, Riveting and Burning.

J OUTLOOK

The present world upheaval has thrown present and future planning completely out of gear. The average man lives in an atmosphere of doubt and frustration. We spend more money in six months to destroy property and kill men than has been spent in any 10 year period to prepare men for living and life. What the outcome of this turmoil and struggle will be no one can safely predict. Consequently, wisdom dictates a policy of UTMOST PRECAUTION AND SCUND THINKING. The second semester is going to bring a sharp decline in enrollment. The enrollment in

the summer school is doubtful, and the next regular session comes within the realm of prophecy.

K BE READY

In times of doubt and confusion, it is wise to be ready for surprises, and be prepared to do more than one thing. We want to be ready for a

1. Sharp decline in enrollment.
2. Possible reduction of faculty.
3. Radical change of policy beginning with Summer School, 1942.

L AMONG OTHER THINGS

- a Federal Ownership Car License may be obtained at the college Post Office----\$2.10.
- b The Treasurer's Office is arranging to handle Defense Stamps and Bonds for the convenience of those who desire to purchase them here.
- c The last day for paying Poll Tax is Saturday, January 31, 1942. The Tax Collector has given the information that a great number of the staff at Prairie View have paid Poll Tax already.
- e Remember your obligation to the Faculty Community Chest. Let us get this important item out of the way as soon as possible.

M AND FINALLY

"Whatever you may achieve or become as individuals, there is a common denomination to all. It is your aim to seek Happiness. This does not mean an absence of hard work, a mind free from trouble, a heart without sorrow. For happiness, while personal, and to a degree biological, has some well known common ingredients and one of them is sacrifice. No one can be truly happy who has not served others in love and self abnegation."

—Dr Isaiah Bowman,
John Hopkins University

Yours very truly,

W R Banks, Principal

P S

Meeting usual time and place.

WRB