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I CALENDAR -

- A Special Sermon Mrs W R Banks August 8
 B Commencement Mr John W Rice, Dallas, Texas,....August 11
 C Summer School ClosesAugust 14
 D IntersessionAugust 16-September 4
 E Faculty Forum September 6 & 7

II NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION -

The National Youth Administration failed to get an appropriation from the last Congress; consequently, its training program ceased as of July 1943. This agency was of great assistance to many fine young men and women in acquiring an education which would have been impossible without such aid; it was responsible for making available practical and useful training as well as socially desirable work experiences of inestimable value; and, it left an educational pattern, of such for reaching significance and implications, that it could profitably be integrated in future educational programs. There is on inventory here more than \$125,000.00 in shop building, equipment and supplies which the institution has made request to use in the training of disabled soldiers who are returning from the battle front. It is our hope to continue this training for our people which was so nobly conceived and splendidly carried out during the life of the National Youth Administration.

III FACULTY FORUM -

It will be noted in the Calendar that two days will be devoted to the Faculty Forum, September 6 and 7. The program has not been developed as yet, but very soon the theme will be announced.

IV THE CONSEQUENTIAL EPOCH! (1881-1943)

- A From August 8, 1881, to August 8, 1943 - a span of 62 years - represents the most important period in the historic development and social expression of this Nation. Many significant events can be catalogued in this momentous period, such as -
- 1 The beginning of the second slavery of Negroes under the reign of King Cotton, the One Crop and Credit Systems.
 - 2 The struggle in the adaptation and the squaring up of the noble ideals and principles of Democracy and the Golden Rule to the actual practice of human and race relations; and, finally operating in the principle of phenomenal formula that "In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress".

- 3 The rise of Capitalism and Organized Labor and the resultant conflicts and struggles.
- 4 Two unparalleled global conflicts known as World War I, waged "to make the world safe for Democracy"; World War II being fought "to guarantee the peoples of the world the Four Freedoms"; and, the economic depression attended by indescribable human want and misery.
- 5 DIFFERENTIALS - in wages, in income, in housing, in education, in civil rights, and in the administration of justice and law.

I am the Matured Product of this Consequential Epoch - in experience, manner of thinking, education, philosophy of life, social outlook, Faith and Hope. Hence, there is much that I HAVE HEARD, I HAVE SEEN, and I HAVE LEARNED.

B WHAT I HAVE HEARD -

- 1 That Negroes were shiftless, lazy, liars, thieves, criminals, ignorant, lacking in pride and therefore they cannot be improved and developed to the fine points of becoming productive, useful and intelligent citizens.
- 2 That Negroes were destined to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water" and that the race would finally become extinct from the diseases of its own filth, ignorance, folly, and vice.
- 3 That Negroes do not have the ability, nor capacity to master the intricate techniques of the sciences, the professions, the Arts, the Crafts, the essential elements and fundamentals, the prerequisites to human progress, happiness and civilization.

C WHAT I HAVE SEEN -

- 1 Negroes ascend from poverty, cabins, discrimination and maltreatment to wealth and property ownership; from illiteracy to high churchmen, scholars, and recognized leaders of social and economic and civic thought; from humble citizens to the of Legislature and the National Congress; and, argue the causes of human justice and equity before the highest tribunals in the land.
- 2 I have seen Booker T Washington, W E B DuBois, Bishop H M Turner, Dr C T Walker, George Washington Carver; Judge Hastie, Congressmen Dawson, Mitchell, and DePriest; Doctors Lawless and Hinton, and Negro businesses running to the unbelievable peaks of millions of dollars.
- 3 I have seen the church militant conforming, soft pedaling, compromising, following waves of public sentiment and "the lines of least resistance".

- 4 I have seen some men start out with courage, fine hearts, great and noble purposes to finally crumple shamefully, shrivel up, and melt down before the heat of the Color Line.
- 5 And also, I have seen the Color Line run like a black ribbon, during the span of 62 years, through the warp and woof of this Nation, giving influence and direction to human behavior and human relations.

D WHAT I HAVE LEARNED -

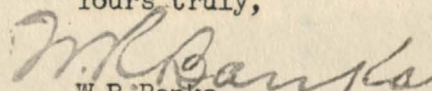
- 1 That keeping and using my head and holding my tongue - "thinking twice before speaking once" - when situations are questionable, confused, turbulent and out of control, is sensible.
- 2 That consistent diligence, hard work, sacrifice, truthfulness, faithfulness, dependability, temperance are the antecedents of enduring success and happiness.
- 3 That human hate and prejudice and revenge are specific venoms to the Full and Good Life.

AND FINALLY, I can see the unmistakable signs of the Golden Rainbow of Hope, Faith and Charity definitely hanging in the black clouds of confusion and hate; I hear faintly the still small voice calling over the tumult saying, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me". And, in this sign I have highly resolved to face the coming years, Oh, God of Jehovah, working in season and out of season - for that Brighter Day when all men shall be judged and rewarded only on the basis of merit and the quality of the heart life and not race, nor previous conditions of servitude.

1881 - Willette Rutherford Banks - 1943

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Yours truly,



W R Banks

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