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# The Prairie View Standard

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## Reading Lesson For Teachers

By Dr. J. H. Dillard

There is a fact which most teachers already know, but I have always had the thought that it is a fact of which all teachers ought to be reminded at the beginning of every school year. It goes to the very heart of managing, influencing, helping children. In dealing with children the simple fact is, that what we really are in our inmost selves counts for more than anything. In the school-room it counts for more than method or curriculum, counts for more than even knowledge. Of course these things are highly important, but they are not so important as character and its cousin, which goes by the name of culture.

This cousin is a mysterious, indefinable sort of thing, but it is as real a thing as chalk and blackboard. It shows itself in clothes, speech, manner. It shows itself in all our attitudes and characteristics. You cannot say just what it consists of, but you know it when you see it. Children know and feel it when they see it. They do not know, or think about, or care about, any name for it, but in a subtle sort of way they know when it is there. Their opinion of their teacher depends more on this than on anything else.

Now how to get this thing? Believing sincerely in at least one of the ways of getting it, I beg here to urge teachers to try the plan. My title tells the plan. In reading books we have a choice of associations, and it is by associations that culture largely comes. There is no surer way of getting it than by reading sincere books, whether histories, essays, poems, tales or novels. I should like to suggest three little books that I think would be of profit and delight to any teacher.

I suppose many readers have had the experience, after reading some good book, of feeling like wanting everybody to read it. That is the way I felt after reading some years ago the three books I shall mention. They are "Adventures in Contentment," "Adventures in Friendship," and "Adventures in Understanding." The author gave his name as David Grayson. I presume most readers know by this time who David Grayson is and that he is now engaged in studying and writing about Woodrow Wilson.

The three little books recommended are good literature. They are full of humor,

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## MORE AVENUES OF EMPLOYMENT

A Synopsis of Address delivered to Negro Chamber of Commerce, Bryan, Texas, By Napoleon Bonaparte Edward

We heartily endorse and offer our support to sensible business organizations by Negroes of Texas. As we have said before, we believe a Texas Negro Business League projected on a solid base should stimulate, encourage and train Negroes in the essentials and practices of safe and sound business. The league should reach every element of business by Negroes in the state and affiliate with the National Negro Business League founded by Booker T. Washington, the "Sage of Tuskegee." We repeat, also, that direct assistance to Negroes engaged in business may be given at college by offering non-credit courses. Unquestionably, more avenues must be open to employ our young men and women coming yearly from the universities and colleges of the country. In the spirit of interracial good will and fair play, we must join the social and economic forces in doing the work of the world.

According to 1930 census there are 854,964 Negroes in Texas. All must be housed, clothed and fed. They constitute a purchasing power of several million dollars annually. Yet what they sell besides the raw products of the farm is comparatively negligible. Negroes must have more to sell as well as more to buy. We believe the Negro population in Texas affords larger remunerative possibilities along lines of business we have not followed except upon a very small scale. Among these are dry goods, grocery, furniture, drug, and hardware stores, bakeries, markets, lumber yards, hotels, dairying, laundering, cotton gins, grain mills, garages, filling stations, automobiles, busses, jitneys, theaters, screen stars, real estate, ice, ice cream and soap factories, bottling works, etc. However much we believe in the necessity for these business enterprises, we declare our unalterable faith in the farm. The masses must live and depend upon the farm, but the total population of any race will not be farmers.

In 1930 the Negro population in thirteen counties of Texas as shown by the federal census was as follows:

Anderson .....	11,485
Bexar .....	19,447
Bowie .....	15,971
Dallas .....	47,899

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## Building At P.V. Continues

The building program at Prairie View College goes forward with the erection of an apartment for men teachers and a duplex teachers' cottage according to an announcement of Mr. C. L. Wilson, in charge of building and college utilities. Frame construction is being used. The apartment will be 34x36 feet, two stories in height and contain 22 bed-rooms and a large reception room. The structure will cost \$3,000.

The duplex cottage is arranged to comfortably house two families. It is 28x54 feet. When complete it will represent an expenditure of \$2,000. Both buildings are modern in all respects and are located on the east campus. If building operations continue and unfavorable weather does not delay work it is expected that both structures will be completed by December first.

Other permanent improvements about the college include the moving of Old Walker Hall across the county highway. It will then be remodeled into a guest house. Plans for the erection of a new \$50,000 auditorium and Physical Education Building are underway. Construction will probably begin early next spring.

At the power plant excavation has begun for the installation of a new 200 kilowatt turbo-generator unit. This addition will provide an ample supply of electrical power for the school for the next 20 years. The complete installation will cost about \$20,000.

## SECRETARY NAPOLEON B. EDWARD TO ADDRESS BRAZOS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Negro Chamber of Commerce of Brazos and Adjacent Counties, through its Secretary, Mr. W. R. Bryant, has invited Napoleon B. Edward, editor of the Prairie View Standard, and Secretary of Prairie View State College, to address the Chamber of Commerce at Bryan, Texas, October 26.

The occasion of the address will be the installation of officers for the ensuing year. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of Kemp High School.



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Napoleon B. Edward.....Executive Secretary

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#### SENIORS ADMONISHED TO BE TRUE LEADERS

There were no threatening clouds, and the skies were clear and bright as seniors of the summer school, Prairie View State College, capped and gowned, marched into the auditorium for the final sermon preached by Dr. W. R. Banks, Principal of the college. Rev. Lee C. Phillip, college chaplain, read Matthew 28: 16-30 and offered prayer. Immediately preceding the sermon, Miss Johnnye Kirby sang sweetly, "Father Almighty."

The Principal's sermon was based upon the following words of Jesus: "All power is in my hands. Go ye and teach all nations. Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Giving a brief historical review of the status of the world when Jesus uttered the words of the text, Principal Banks said, there was poverty, unrest, lawlessness and crime; and religion had become a mockery. "In every great crisis," said the Principal, "men have sought relief. They have looked for somebody who would challenge wrong and lighten the burdens of the oppressed; but in times like these, true leadership is born."

In urging the seniors to fight against contemporary evils, the Principal declared that good teachers make disciples, not by swords and abuses, but with peace and love. The good shepherd, said he, will lay down his life for his sheep, but as long as there is doubtful and uncertain leadership, there will be misunderstanding and confusion. The Principal called attention to suspicions and divisions in the race and stressed the necessity of a workable program, one such that all will know the play and move in harmony, else there will be

constant failure and retrogression. "On the rock of selfishness," said he, "there have been many wrecks. We need leadership with vision, leaders that will not sell out, leaders that will be true to the best interest of the people. As we go forth to serve, let us formulate a definite program for our people and hand that program on down to posterity and thus make a worthy contribution towards our progress and deliverance."

#### PRAIRIE VIEW COLLEGE FACULTY HOLDS PRELIMINARY SESSION

Preparatory to opening, the first meeting of the general faculty was held September 14. Principal W. R. Banks presided. New members of the faculty and others who had been away studying in outer state institutions were made welcome to the hospitalities of the college. Among the additions to the faculty for the ensuing year are the following professors and employees: A. Bohannon, professor of history and economics; J. P. Doolley, professor of biology; Miss Pauline Watkins, professor of vocational education; J. E. Miller, professor of sociology; J. P. Mosley, assistant professor of history and sociology; G. A. Lockett, assistant professor of English; Miss A. Kirkland, assistant professor of education; Miss Georgeanna McMechen, assistant professor of music and Miss Mabel Robinson, associate professor of physical education.

In speaking of the year's work and acquainting members of the faculty with the situation at Prairie View, Principal Banks among other things said: "I have invited you here ahead of time to get lined up and ready for our work. The plan for the year's work has been worked out and it is largely with you to see that our plans are put into execution. It is our aim to push our advantages here beyond the borders of the campus. Prairie View must be felt in every home in the state."

The Principal stressed the importance of effective teaching within and without the classroom and asserted that poor teachers with good students or good students with poor teachers are ineffective and make no substantial progress. He urged respect for constituted authority and every department to work at the highest level of efficiency. "The Principal will not be a dictator," said he, "each one of you shall stand on his own merits, because men work best when free from undue interference and pressure."

Ranking seniors have been given scholarships at the college. Some of the best scholars from the accredited high schools have availed themselves of the opportunity and enrolled.

#### PRINCIPAL BANKS MEETS CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Texas Centennial Committee was held in San Antonio recently. Principal W. R. Banks was called into this meeting to consider what part Negroes will have in the Texas Centennial at Dallas in 1936. Able and learned, the Principal will render a great service both to the Centennial and the Negroes of Texas.

During his incumbency as Principal of Prairie View State College, Principal Banks founded the "Conference on Education for Negroes in Texas." This conference has considered practically every phase of Negro participation in the state. Its statistics and studies will, no doubt, be of invaluable service to the Centennial Commission in planning and forming its program.

#### REGULAR SESSION BEGAN SEPT. 17 WITH ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

Prairie View State College opened with entrance examinations, September 17, 18 and 19. Registration and class work began immediately following the entrance examinations.

Every possible accommodation has been made and the faculty is the most experienced and ablest the college has had in recent years. Members of the faculty have been awarded advanced degrees or have taken graduate studies in leading colleges and universities during the past summer. Among these who were awarded Master's Degrees were J. J. Abernethy, director of Mechanic Arts; S. H. Settler, associate professor of agriculture, Kansas State College; and O. A. Fuller, University of Iowa. Among those returned from study in the following institutions are: E. B. Evans, doctor of veterinary medicine, Iowa State College; A. W. Randall, professor of Mathematics, University of Iowa; R. W. Hilliard, head of the subsistence department, University of Wisconsin and J. M. Wilson, college tailor, University of Chicago; C. H. Banks, University of Iowa.

In speaking of the objectives of the college, Principal W. R. Banks among other things said: "We must train the students coming here for both, a living and a life. Our work here must be as thorough and as effective as at any other college or university. We want all to know that in coming to Prairie View they will get all that is coming to them. Here we must be examples," said he, "and urge character building. We must have a dynamic faculty, able, willing and ready for service in the best interest of the college as a whole."

#### READING LESSON FOR TEACHERS

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fine spirit and healthful influence. They are religious without being preachy. When I first read them some years ago I remember thinking that if I were a millionaire I would present a copy to every teacher and every graduating high school pupil in the land. Few books have been published in this country within recent years that are so well suited to set young teachers forward on the road to culture that is simple wholesome and sincere.

I wish I could give a taste of some of the interesting episodes. Chapter X in "Friendship" is one that can be read many times, which is the true test. The whole description is charming. When you read this chapter, Chapters IV, VII, and XI in "Contentment," and others in "Understanding," you will feel like persuading everybody you meet to read them. The reader of these books makes the acquaintance of simple men like Charles Baxter and those who met in his shop, and delightful Doctor North. There are a number of good stories told about Dr. North. Here is one.

A man in the neighborhood by the name of Horace tells how he met the Doctor on one occasion driving his old white horse in the town road.

"Horace," called the Doctor, "why don't you paint your barn?"

"Well," said Horace, "it IS beginning to look a bit shabby."

"Horace," said the Doctor, "you're a prominent citizen. We look to you to keep up the credit of the neighborhood."

Horace painted his barn.

In such stories we become acquainted with the Doctor and with the other plain folks of the neighborhood, and we learn the lesson that there is as much of real interest, as much of real comedy and tragedy in any common place as can be found in any far-away land. We learn that we should not think of literature or art or culture as things that are remote but should think of them as near at hand ready to become a part of ourselves.

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#### THE INTERRACIAL COMMISSION

The Interracial Commission of Texas met at Prairie View September 15. The Standard is informed that a program for a general session was formulated and other matters pertaining to affairs coming up for their determination were considered.

Among those in attendance at the Commission meeting were Messrs. J. L. Clark, Sam Houston College, Huntsville; Gordon Worley, state department of education, Austin; R. M. Woods, Sam Houston Col-

#### WEDDINGS

Reports disclose that three of the most prominent members of the faculty were wedded during the past summer. Among these were Prof. L. A. Potts to Miss E. O. Bloodworth and Miss R. B. Johnson, who was wedded to Dr. Irvin A. Isaac.

Prof. Potts is director of the Division of Agriculture, where he has served with ability and distinction for several years. Miss Bloodworth was associate professor of English at the college. She made friends of students and teachers alike because of her interest in her work and the cause of education in general.

Dr. Isaac is a dentist practicing his profession in New York City. Miss R. B. Johnson, his fiancée, is assistant professor of English rendering distinguished services as an educator.

The Standard offers congratulations, wishing all every measure of prosperity and happiness as they go forth heart and hands together, up hill and down hill, meeting and conquering life's battles.

#### PANTHERS TRIUMPH

Coach Sam Taylor's pigskin Trojans have had one continuous unbroken march to victory since the gates swung open to introduce the season at Paul Quinn. But all hopes were staked on defeating the Wild Cats of Wiley on Negro Day at Dallas.

"The Wild Cats were taken," it was reported to the Standard, "after the closest and most exciting battle known to the gridiron."

The Wild Cats were nimble and game and were good fighters, but they mistook the fine arts of the Panthers which had been drilled into them by General Sam Taylor and his able assistants.

Up until within a few minutes of the close, it was reported, the Panthers held the Cats 13 to 0 when this lead was reduced to 1, the Wild Cats scoring 12 points just when all expected a "shut out."

The record thus far stands as follows: Prairie View, 33; Paul Quinn, 0. Prairie View, 59; Mary Allen, 0. Prairie View, 13; Wiley, 12. Prairie View, 27; Samuel Huston, 0.

Professor F. A. Jackson will study at New York University, and Prof. H. A. Bullock will register at the University of Michigan during the ensuing year. The Standard is informed that both are enrolled in the graduate schools leading to the doctor's degree.

lege, Huntsville; W. R. Banks, principal, Prairie View State College; M. W. Dogan, president, Wiley College; J. W. Rice, Houston; S. H. Houston, Huntsville; Mesdames Jessie Daniel Ames, C. A. Covington, Johns and Fairchild.

#### 1800 ATTEND FARMERS' CONGRESS AND SHORT COURSE

The three-days session of the Farmers' Congress and Short Course held at Prairie View State College, August 12-15, was of unusual significance to the Negro farmers of Texas.

Prof. C. H. Waller, chairman of the congress, and state leader of agricultural extension service, as well as the farmers generally, were encouraged over the outlook and commended unreservedly every phase of the congress and short course. Fully 1800 people attended the congress and about \$780 were awarded in prizes for exhibits from the homes and farms of the state.

Exhibits from the following counties were shown daily in booths designated for them: Anderson, Brazoria, Bowie, Brazos, Cherokee, Dallas, Fayette, Falls, Fort Bend, Grimes, Gregg, Guadalupe, Harris, Houston, Harrison, Jefferson, Lee, Lavaca, Limestone, Matagorda, Milam, McLennan, Navarro, Rusk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Victoria, Wharton, Walker, Washington.

Many outstanding speakers appeared on the program.

#### SOUTH'S SCHOOLS TO STUDY BEST OF NEGRO POETS

"Singers in the Dawn" Published to Promote Interracial Appreciation; Wide Use Expected

"Singers in the Dawn," a condensed survey of American Negro poetry, has just been published by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and the Conference on Education and Race Relations, as a means of promoting interracial appreciation, and is now available to the public.

Designed primarily for use in Southern colleges and public schools, it is expected to meet a long-felt need. Though off the press only two weeks, it is already in use in a score of Southern colleges in their summer school classes in literature. In the fall it will be made available to thousands of public schools.

The volume comprises 24 pages and cover, beautifully printed in a color scheme of primrose, India tint, and brown. It embodies brief sketches of more than forty of the best known poets, and quotes a large number of selections presenting a cross section of the best work of the principal poets, from Phillis Wheatley to Countee Cullen and James Weldon Johnson. The title is taken from James D. Corrothers tribute to Paul Lawrence Dunbar:-

"He came, a dark youth, singing in the dawn  
Of a new freedom, glowing o'er his lyre,  
Refining, as with great Apollo's fire,  
His people's gift of song."

**MORE AVENUES OF EMPLOYMENT**

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Galveston .....	14,759
Harris .....	72,603
Harrison .....	29,409
Jefferson .....	33,022
McLennan .....	18,697
Robertson .....	11,416
Smith .....	19,128
Tarrant .....	24,660
Travis .....	15,832

We are aware that there are counties in Texas not mentioned above, whose Negro population is less than 9000 and more than 500.

Although sacrifices must be made and losses will be entailed, we have come to the forks of the road in our development, and business in the broadest sense is the next step. The great majority of our educated group can no longer depend upon the school room for an adequate livelihood. We must acknowledge that there are some creditable Negro enterprises in the state but there must be more of them. The issue is clearly defined and should command the best thinkers and economists of the race and be met courageously. We believe that under proper training and guidance, the pooling and mobilization of Negro capital, the roads to successful business will lengthen and broaden as time passes.

Again we would stress as strong as possible that this is not a plea for segregated, independent, Negro business set up in antagonism with, and hostility to other races, or their enterprises. This would not be good Americanism. What we desire to see is more Negroes engaged in progressive business enterprises which would promote interracial good will, respect and patronage. Although the Negro population in the state constitutes tremendous business opportunities, we believe it would be an error for Negroes engaged in business to demand or expect this business as a whole, yet they should be able by fair competition to get a reasonable portion of this business.

Let us walk together a step further. We would encourage where opportune and feasible the organization of business firms and corporations formed by and composed of both white and Negro capital, controlled and operated jointly by both races, not as "social equality" stunts but as sound business ventures, open to all, and for all.

Since emancipation we have made progress that has merited outspoken commendation but we must build upon broader business bases. Like other peoples, we must create and provide in our own right, more avenues of employment for our posterity. It is impera-

tive, however, that we join hands with the live economic forces everywhere, enabling us to march forward to the goal of belated rights, peaceful security and contented prosperity.

**PRAIRIE VIEW GRADUATES 89 AT CLOSE OF SUMMER SCHOOL**

Eighty-nine seniors were awarded degrees and certificates during the closing hours of the Twenty-fourth Annual Summer School of Prairie View State College. Degrees were conferred and certificates were awarded by Principal W. R. Banks, following the commencement address by Prof. Henry Allen Bullock, professor of sociology.

Seniors representing the five divisions of the College were awarded degrees and certificates:

**Graduates**

**Division of Agriculture**

**Bachelor of Science in Agriculture**

Jesse A. Adams, Artie Brailsford, R. L. Brigman, Henry C. Carpenter, William B. Clark, J. C. Cogger, Martin V. Curtis, Oscar C. Davidson, Dewey Dansby, H. F. Douglass, H. H. Harris, Arnett Henry, Commodore Eason, John M. Jackson, Frank Jingles, Eddie Kyle, Dave M. McCullough, Gentry L. Powell, Pinkney S. Stevens, Cline Thomas, Robert Whittaker, J. W. Smothers.

**Division of Arts and Sciences**

**Bachelor of Arts**

Zetta L. Bowlin, Estil Frazier, William C. Johnston, Bertha McCord.

**Bachelor of Science**

Votie M. Anderson

**Bachelor of Science in Education**

Ada B. Alexander, J. F. Alexander, Harold B. Anderson, M. Armstrong, Bessie M. Baxter, Mable Boone, Lavernia A. Clark, A. M. Countee, Cornelia E. Graves, Laura Green, Daisy Hawthorne.

Mosley Jackson, Dorelia Jarvis, James L. Johnson, Minerva J. Jones, Labertha P. Jordan, Sadie P. Karrey, S. G. Kay, Mable I. T. Lewis, Ollie B. Jones, A. W. McDonald, L. J. McDonald, Mabel Miller, Mary J. Morris, Ethel Marie Mosley, Alice E. Moss. Ruby M. Nichols, Lois E. Platt, E. J. Powell, T. T. Pollard, P. E. Kelley Shelton, Anna M. Snow, G. P. Stewart, Anita M. Thomas, Ida L. Barrens Toliver, Eunice Pearl Victor, Addie Belle Washington, H. K. Wrenn.

**Division of Home Economics**

**Bachelor of Science in Home Economics**

Marguerite G. Banks, Minnie L. C. Bowles, Lieutenant Bush, Thelma Lee Cato, Marie Collins, Jeffie O. A. Conner, Lucinda Denny, C. L. Gathings, Eva S. Crouch Hodge, Carrie Jenkins, Lois A. T. Johns, Minnie B. Johnson, Erna B. Jones, Lois M. W. Morales, Joy Belle Sinyard, Jessie H. Speed, Carrie H. Spencer, Theresa Truitt, Ruby C. Williams.

**Division of Mechanic Arts  
Bachelor of Science in Mechanic Arts  
Howard Love  
Trade Certificates  
Carpentry**

Charles E. Holford, Johnnie Roberts.

**Division of Nursing Education  
Nursing Diploma**

Octavia Pickett, Callie Turner.

Among those receiving degrees were many of the old normal graduates that have gone out into the world and made good, but returned for preparation for greater service.

Notably among these were Mr. T. T. Pollard, supervisor of Negro school at Beaumont, Texas. Mr. Pollard was graduated from the old normal in 1884, and exactly 50 years afterwards, received his B. S., in Education from the same school.

Another unique thing about the Commencement was the awarding of a degree to a candidate that was 24 years old before he was able to read or write.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McDonald of Galveston, were both old normal graduates and received their degrees together.

**PROF. T. L. HOLLEY**

It was reported to the Standard that Prof. T. L. Holley of San Antonio has been appointed State Supervisor of Emergency Education, Negro division. He was in the office of the Principal several days ago and indicated his acceptance. It is understood his work will embrace more than 80 counties.

Prof. Holley is a graduate of Prairie View State College. He holds two degrees herefrom. He has been long in the services of popular education. His experiences no less than his academic qualifications should enable him to render a conspicuous service in his new field. The Standard offers congratulations.

**HOUSTON ALUMNI AWARDS P. V. SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Prairie View Alumni Club of Houston, Texas, headed by Mr. Will H. Evans, former dean of men at the college, has awarded scholarships to three young men who are recent graduates of the high schools of the "Port City."

The scholarships awarded were twenty-five dollars each and were given to Luther Lewis, Hobart Thomas, Jr., and Willie Thomas.

President Evans showed a keen interest in the Alumni Club which he heads and these scholarships contributed by the club are practical evidences of what the club can and will do in the future. The Standard commends whole-heartedly President Evans and his organization for the forward and most helpful steps they have taken in this matter.