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AND INDUSTRIAL
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FOREWORD

The anxiety which always attends the launching of a new project, no matter how insignificant or grand it may be, is ours.

And so with certain hopes and fears and aims we present to the friends and well-wishers of Prairie View this pioneer copy of The Prairie. In it we have given you a glimpse of our lives, something of the things that move us toward the high destiny which the founders of Prairie View have sought to make possible for us. We have placed into it something more and yet something which is unseen.

It is the spirit of Prairie View, the spirit which has made it possible and which assures its perpetuity as the guiding spirit of the Negro youth of Texas.

And thus we extend to those who may love the things which make for good this volume of The Prairie, hoping that it will not only inspire but will also make glad the hearts of those who have something of the broadness of The Prairie in their nature, something of its expansiveness in their hearts.
COLLEGE CALENDAR

Opening Day ......................... Sept. 6, 1916
Registration .......................... Sept. 6-9, 1916
Entrance Examinations ............... Sept. 6-11, 1916
Thanksgiving Day ..................... Nov. 30, 1916
Winter Term Began ................... Dec. 11, 1916
Annual Football Rally ................ Oct. 21, 1916
Christmas Holidays ................... Dec. 23-26, 1916
Resumed Recitations ................. Dec. 27, 1916
Washington's Birthday ............... Feb. 22, 1917
Texas Independence ................. Mar. 2, 1917
Spring Term Began .................... Mar. 6, 1917
San Jacinto Day ....................... Apr. 21, 1917
Final Examinations ................... May 15-18, 1917
Senior Day ............................ May 19, 1917
Alumni Day ............................ May 18, 1917
Commencement Day .................... May 21, 1917
Home, Sweet Home ................... May 22, 1917

Dedicated to Prairie View State Normal School.
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Book I
THE COLLEGE
HEN the pressure lets up there is always a revulsion from the thing—good or bad—which individuals, severally or as a people, have been forced to do for any length of time. So that, in its early history, Prairie View being designed as purely an agricultural college, was largely an experiment, the race not having thrown off the incubus incurred from the horrid effects of slavery upon the mind, being just a few years removed from such long-lived and inhumane institution.

It will have been thirty-eight years the 19th day of this coming April since Governor Oran M. Roberts approved and signed the Legislative Act creating and establishing Prairie View as a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

The Legislature only ordered the school located and established; the duty of determining and securing a place for same rested with some one else—just whom, available records fail to show. We do know that W. E. Minor, a native black of Mississippi and first principal of the school, was delegated by some authority, presumably and logically the Board of Directors, to seek out the spot. Among other places he visited this site, then known as Alta Vista, or Lofty Vision; formerly the old Kirby slave plantation, having been transformed into a private school for white boys.

Richard Wells—Dick Wells, as he is frequently called; "Dad Wells," as he is more familiarly known—was with Mr. Minor. They climbed into the attic of the old Kirby Hall and "took a view," as I have often heard "Dad" say, of the surrounding territory, and beheld such a beautiful view of prairie about here, they called the place Prairie View, which name it has borne ever since, except for being lengthened into Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College.

Statistics are usually very dry but often very valuable. This historical sketch would be more interesting to readers of the "Annual" if the school had reliable records from which statistics might be compiled. As a matter of fact, the school has no records of which it should boast, due to the fact it never had a regularly employed Registrar. But we have gathered from reasonably reliable sources the information that the Prairie View Normal has had five principals and one founder, excluding "Dad," namely: W. E. Minor, E. A. Anderson, L. C. Anderson, E. L. Blackshear and I. M. Terrell. It has two living ex-principals—Professors Minor and E. A. Anderson having died in office during first two years of the school's existence. Professor I. M. Terrell is now principal, elected October 1, 1915, to succeed E. L. Blackshear, who resigned.

From 1879 to close of L. C. Anderson's administration, June, 1896, the school had one hundred and seventy-two graduates; from 1896 to 1916, 1,528. The number of under-graduates ranges between eight and ten thousand.

At first, and for twenty years, the personnel of the student body was composed mainly of State appointees or persons who got a portion of their schooling free, which partly accounts for the fact that for seventeen years after the school was established it never enrolled over one hundred and forty pupils annually, due, of course, to the disposition on part of many to wait on appointments from their Representatives or Senators—thus seriously delaying their education. Appropriations for support of these appointees was abolished by the Twenty-sixth Legislature (1909) and immediately thereafter the attendance increased by leaps and bounds, until this year it reached the high water mark of over 925.

The physical plant has not developed quite in proportion but has made remarkable growth, when you think that at the beginning the famous old Kirby Building served the purpose of dormitory, laundry, recitation room and all. The estimated valuation of the plant now is $250,000.

Prairie View stands at the head of schools of its kind among Negroes, having second largest physical plant of any Negro institution in the country.

There are seven brick and eight frame buildings and thirty-three teachers' and officers' cottages on campus; appropriations available for three other brick buildings—$50,000 dormitory, $50,000 female industrial building and $15,000 laundry.

With two deep wells, 100 and 563 feet, respectively, and a 30,000-gallon steel gravity tank, a 100,000-gallon reinforced concrete reservoir and two air compressors to facilitate the flow, the water supply is most excellent. There are 1,435
acres of land—wood, pasture and farm—belonging to the school; 400 acres in cultivation, 90 acres comprising college grounds and campus.

The school owns a dairy herd of 45 graded cows and several heifers.

The institution maintains the following industrial courses: General farming, truck farming, gardening, dairying, canning, broom and mattress making, carpentering, blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, tailoring, shoe and harness making, printing, steam and electric engineering, heating and plumbing, laundering, block ing, cleaning and making hats, cooking, sewing and millinery.

The following institutions are represented on our faculty: Straight University, Kansas A. and M., University of Kansas, Wilberforce, Wiley, Boston Institute of Technology, Chicago, Harvard, Bishop, Talladega, Selma, Allen, Tuskegee, Oberlin College, Fisk, Mico University of Jamaica, Hampton Institute, Cheyney Training School, Shaw, Provident, Pennsylvania State, Mount Hermon and Prairie View.

We have four on the force who have been here: Uncle Paul, Casey, Captain and "Uncle Ab." All these men fill vitally important positions and I guess that accounts for their popularity with the students as well as for their perpetuity in their positions. The authorities appreciate the fact that an employee's efficiency increases with the number of years he holds down the same job; provided, of course, he was worth employing at first.

Regarding historical social functions, instead of Junior-Senior hops, as is the custom in most institutions of this kind, there's a tradition of a Junior banquet to the Seniors and a Senior banquet to the Principal, coming down through successive years and still in vogue. These are high social functions and are considered the gala occasions.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Washington's Birthday, March 2nd, San Jacinto, National Independence and "Fridays" after examinations, are the legal and less legal holidays observed.

The school, for some reason, won't commemorate Mr. Lincoln's birthday as a holiday. Maybe its calendar is already too heavy with days for observance; yet it seems a shame that the memory of a man who served the nation so well as this noble character should not be honored by keeping a day sacred to it.

The school has its system of "Officers of the Day" and "Duties Girl," which lends opportunity for a wonderful study in human nature and character. In this the girls greatly outnumber the boys and incidentally, to the peculiar mystification, yet not stimulation, of the boys, sadly outstrip them in class work, having captured almost uninterruptedly the class honors or valedictory times without number.

There has never been any hazing at the school, but barrels of fun by playing college pranks on unsophisticated greenhorns, like unto the present local treasurer at the time he entered College; and who, after becoming domesticated was the chief among devils during middle ages of the school at starting fun to the other man's chagrin.

There's a tradition of the school—an inviolable, eternal, immutable law that he (or she, either for that matter) who is caught stealing in examinations must go home.

What has become of the old-fashioned student who appreciated what it meant to be identified with an enterprise like the Prairie View School, and who felt that he was personally responsible for the good name of the school? Where's the spirit that created the atmosphere which bred such loyalty?
OFFICERS OF ADMINISTRATION

I. M. Terrell .................... Principal
Chas. Atherton ................. Dean and Chaplain
R. L. Isaacs .................... Treasurer
A. E. McMillan ............... Secretary of Faculty
A. L. Evans (Deceased) .... Dean of Women
C. H. Griggs .................... Dean of Men
Dr. Mahan and Searcy ........ College Physicians
G. W. Buchanan ............... Librarian
S. A. McCall ..................... Hospital Nurse
S. E. Hancock ................ Assistant to the Dean of Women
I. MacNeal .................... Assistant to the Dean of Women
C. Lewis ..................... Assistant to the Dean of Women
H. J. Mason ................ Secretary to the Principal
A. B. Porter ................ Assistant Treasurer
A. Morris .................... Secretary to W. P. Terrell
H. C. Aldridge ............... Steward

OTHER OFFICERS

J. P. Brown .................. Bookkeeper to Steward
M. E. Butler ................. Sunday School Superintendent
E. A. Carter ................. Y. M. C. A. (Secretary) Director
M. J. Sims .................... Y. M. C. A. Secretary

Book II
THE FACULTY
In Memoriam

M. A. BLACKSHEAR, assistant in the Mechanical Department, whose death from pneumonia on the 14th day of January was a source of much regret to both students and faculty, by whom he will be sadly missed.

Miss A. L. Evans, Dean of Women, who departed from this life after the Annual had been completed. No incident during the college year has so profoundly affected the students as this untimely loss. Not only Prairie View, but all Texas and young women of the Negro race everywhere have lost a rare adviser and friend.
MR. J. P. BROWN
Assistant to Steward

MR. J. V. TYNES
Instructor of Carpentry

DR. J. G. OSBORNE
Head of Department of Biology
Sanitary Officer of the School

PROF. J. K. SMITH
Asst. in Agriculture

MISS M. R. BROWN
Head Dept. Domestic Science

MISS SADIE PERPENER
Asst. in Cooking

MR. D. B. KITTRELL
Head Chef.
The late Miss A. L. Evans, Dean of Women.

For over a decade connected with the insti­
tution. Formerly a student of Ober­
lin College. A polished woman
with finished tastes and rare
judgment. The least tribute
we could afford to pay
her was a page in
this book.

Book III

THE CLASSES
CLASS PRESIDENTS

George R. Boone ........ President of Senior Class
L. L. Hubbard .......... President of Junior Class
Joseph Terry .......... President of Sophomore Class
Charles Langham ....... President of Freshman Class
CLASS SONG
Tune "Mother"

"S" is only for our superstructure,
"E" is only for our ecstasy;
"N" is for nobleness by which we prosper,
"I" is for our ingenuity.
"O" is for our many obligations;
"R" is right, and right will ever be.
Put them all together they spell Senior.
Nineteen-seventeen, old P. V.

We've been through books both high and low, we've had no time to rest;
We feel as if we've just begun, although we've done our best.
We look at Freshmen as a babe, just learning how to walk,
And Sophomores a tiny tot, but who knows how to talk.
A Junior is a manish kid, you see,
But we're the kind they all desire to be.

CLASS POEM

LEROY DOTY, Class Poet.

Life is like a rigid cog wheel,
Turned by an endless chain;
Every morn brings another link,
But the old never comes again.

Why is life made this symbol?
Here I will try to explain:
Day after day are the links,
Year after year is the chain.

Let not the past links grieve us,
They, too, were the present one day;
Lack of our knowledge to seize them,
We carelessly turned them away.

Day by day we are climbing,
Or day by day do we fall;
This wheel of life never stoppeth,
Then hasten to duty's call.

Why is this wheel ever turning,
And stops not for goodness nor crime?
It turns on an endless cycle,
By the infinite power of time.

Days will come that are dreary,
And the light once seen look dim;
When the sunshine of progress has vanished,
Increase your ambition and vim.

Let all of your deeds be noble,
And all of your thoughts be pure;
Refrain from the low and the vicious,
Where the essence of life is obscure.

So live that when life is over,
And your mortal form lies 'neath the sod;
Those who may pursue you,
Find joy in the path you have trod.
HISTORY OF SENIORS

CLASS MOTTO: "With open eyes have we dared it, and we cherish no regrets."

On September 3, 1913, a happy crew of young people, from various cities, towns, villages and hamlets of our "Lone Star State" in answer to wisdom's call, gathered at dear old Prairie View. When we had been here a few days, as a result of the decision of the Classification Committee, a jolly bunch of green "Freshmen" united themselves in a strong band of friendship with everlasting ties. The general atmosphere about College seemed to have had for its object to crush all the life, spirit and "pep" out of the "Preps," as we were called; but this only served to unite us more firmly; as the year '13 and '14 advanced we caused the entire school to focus their attention upon the noisy Freshmen.

The class proved its ability to work under adverse circumstances in the first rally that was given for athletics; we raised the highest amount and was awarded a large pennant with the school colors and '17 upon it. We have cherished it with fond remembrance of Freshmen days. Much credit for the life and success of the class is to be given to Prof. C. H. Waller, Mrs. Hancock, Miss Sims, Miss Robinson, and last, but not least, to the imposing spirit of the President. Thus the Freshman year closed with a degree of success to the majority of the class.

In the early fall, about September 6, 1914, we were again united in sacred ties, with a number staying out and many new ones coming in. Under the wise leadership of Prof. N. A. Banks and other teachers we began our Sophomore year, or, as some have said, to climb fool's hill. By the middle of the year we realized that our being here was a reality and within a short time our improvement accomplished for us the title of the "Classy Crew" or Sophs. The public was astonished with our Christmas entertainment. Baker's Follies was the talk of the hour. The play directed by Mrs. J. H. Crawford entitled, "A Scrap of Paper," won for herself and the class an everlasting impression.

Dr. E. L. Blackshear, our beloved ex-principal, said the play was equal to plays he had seen in the first-class opera of our leading cities and betrayed the latent talent of the class, and that these young people were worthy of the highest tribute of praise. Unfortunately for the class we lost two members that we loved very dearly, Mr. J. W. Roberts and Miss Lois Connor. They have gone from us to a better land, where "pain and sorrow" has no hand, and when our work on earth is done and we must fly above the sun, we know their welcome voices will bid us come to live with them and the Holy one.

Being half way up "fool's hill" the year closed and found us scattering to and fro, all cherishing the fond hope to meet again in dear old Prairie View.

A few months passed and on September 8, 1915, another grand reunion took place, with only a few of the former classmates returning. We had many new classmates, whom we welcomed into our circles. Many of them being high school graduates a tremendous amount of intellect was added, which served to make this year's history unparalleled during previous years. Now beginning the era of thought and common sense, we were much blessed with an entire class of men and women who were courageous and frank. They were known to stand for that which they were convinced was right and to condemn that which was wrong. We were under the care of Professors McMillan and Butler. This class is also known to have changed the tradition which had been practiced for twenty years, most especially the economical side of the annual features.

It has been said by teachers in charge that the standing of this class was far above par. The year being about over our thoughts were turned homeward. After a few months vacation we returned to the campus to take on more culture, and found ourselves with new relations to the welfare and progress of our dear school. We began our new career with new inspiration, feeling that a new day was about to dawn upon us, which made us all mindful of the fact that we were saved to serve. Having these things foremost in mind each one sought his or her place in the life of the campus. The class is worthy of much praise for the untiring energy some of its members have put forth to tear down class strife and make the school one grand brother and sisterhood. We feel that we are our brother's keeper.

The class is to be commended on the splendid return of its members, more than fifty per cent having returned, with many new ones.
JOE W. STUART
215 Price St., Marlin, Texas
Joe left his humble cottage in the fall of 1915 with a determination to find a way or make it. By diligent application he became Assistant Chemist during his senior year. Western University is awaiting his arrival.

LOIS BANDY
Brazoria, Texas
Came through Prairie View from a Freshman up. Sturdy and unassuming, but of a gentle disposition. A lover of farm life and very much interested in rural advancement.

FREEMAN E. BROWN
(Nimrod)
Navasota, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of ’16. A graduate of Navasota High. Regular attendant at prayer meeting. Average student. Loves the “Movies.”

GERTRUDE ROSS
(The Sand Crab)
Port Lavaca, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of ’15. Accused of aquatic propensities because of her bay shore home town. A very good example of pluck and courage. Succeeds at every undertaking. Has a host of friends.

J. HANSEL CARTER
Nigton, Texas
John Hansel Carter, better known as Archimedes, is a graduate of the Nigton High School. Entered P. V. fall of 1914; will finish his education in Harvard University.

PEARL RHYDOLPH
Victoria, Texas
A very quiet and unassuming young lady. decidedly of Christian character. An average student.

R. Y. AOCK
(Roly)
Rockdale, Texas
A graduate of Rockdale High spring of ’15. Entered Prairie View fall of ’15. For two years he has been the admiration of the class in mathematics. He has latent talent which we hope he will develop in the future. A embryo in social life.

ALLIE MAE LEWIS
(The Sherman Squaw)
420 N. Crockett St., Sherman, Texas
Formerly a student of Wiley University. Entered Prairie View fall of ’15. A cautious young lady and has a very sober disposition.
W. C. DAVID
Mexia, Texas
Cullen entered Prairie View in the fall of '14; now having finished his Normal work will further his education in Northwestern University. His love for Mathematics gave him the College name of Euclid of his time.

SADIE PATILO
404 Galveston St., Beaumont, Texas
Pat entered Prairie View in the fall of '16. A graduate of Beaumont High, spring of '16. Skillful at the piano. Will continue her music at Washington Conservatory. You will always find her pleasant and full of life.

HENRY ROSS, JR.
(Tree Top)
555 Rivas St., San Antonio, Texas
Finished San Antonio High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. An excellent chap, full of college spirit and a favorite among the girls.

ANNA BELLE REED
Victoria, Texas
Fourth consecutive year at P. V. A charming little girl, vivacious and always laughing gay with humor. They call her “Ten Ivy”.

JEFF MECKS
Littig, Texas
Formerly a student of Tillotson College. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. The first colored man to be sent as delegate from Texas to an International Y. M. C. A. Conference. Will finish in Agriculture also.

BERTHA SESUMS
702 Wagner St., Houston, Texas
Finished Houston High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. An excellent soprano, leading soloist of the choruses. They call her “Smiles”.

SCUSIE O. STARNES
San Antonio, Texas
Graduate of San Antonio High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A very lovable girl.

HETTIE MCAVANN
Bonham, Texas
Graduate of Wharton High. They call her “Lovey” on account of her gentle ways.
L. O. BLACK
435 S. Island St., Marlin, Texas
Graduate of Marlin High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Orator of renowned ability and has won oratorical medals. Will continue his education in Northwestern University.

TRUDIE AMITA STEWART
Ponta, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '13. Absent two years; returned fall of '15. A girl of very winning disposition and has a host of friends.

GRANT MAYS
(Tope)
Ennis, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '13. Came from the Prep on through. Well known by everybody. A star football player and prominent in athletics generally. Expects to enter Meharry Medical College.

RUTH NUNLEY
813 E. Travis St., San Antonio, Texas
Graduate of San Antonio High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. She has been one of the most prominent members of the class and might better be called "Pep," in that she is always full of that rare and elusive quality.

MATTIE THOMPSON
Bay City, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A very diligent young lady, closely applied to her studies.

CORA SHANKLIN
Newton, Texas
A sturdy young lady of model habits and unassuming ways. Very studious and of high standing on the class roll.

PRUDENCE HARRISTON
(Tope)
McKinney, Texas
Devotes her time to roaming the forest, picking wild flowers and herbs; also to the study of her favorite subject, English.

MRS. DORA BROWN
Bay City, Texas
Has made herself very, very popular in Prairie View. She is one of the most brilliant of her class and her up­take and sweet disposition have made her the "Sal" of the class of '17.
CLARA J. SMITH
(Sunbeam)
Kosse, Texas
A true temperance young lady. Entered this institution in '13. For four years she has endeavored to fulfill every duty required.

GLADYS HOWELL
McKinney, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '14 and is loved by all the students. She will do an extra year's work in her studies.

PERNELLA HARRIS
Has the honor of finishing in the Literary Course, also Domestic Art.

JULIA GREEN
Longview, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '14. Graduate of Longview High. A very studious young lady and earns very little for the social world. Indications are that she will become a good teacher.

L. L. BAKER
R. L. Box 82, Klondike, Texas
Entered school in the fall of '14. He is better known as "Red Baker". He was one of the hardest ballers that Prairie View has ever produced. He is always full of life.

I. A. RUSH
Bellevue, Texas
Formerly a student of Mary Allen Seminary. Entered Prairie View fall of '14. She is a genius in Domestic Art. Will continue her course in Tuskegee, Alabama. She is generally known on the campus as "Pet".

E. A. JOHNSON
Port Lavaca, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '14 as a Sophomore, and is a very ambitious student, especially along his line of industry. He will finish in Carpentry and expects to pursue a higher course in Howard University.

J. C. ADAMS
Calvert, Texas
Placed High School work at Calvert and entered Prairie View fall of '13 as a Junior. She was a very active member in Junior class and Senior as well. She is a gifted, modest young lady and leads an ideal life.
S. N. Eghols
Mexia, Texas
Attended Paul Quinn College 1930-18. Entered Prairie View fall of '74. Has played an important part in athletic circles during his college career.

Thecla McCall
Prairie View, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Very winning little girl; studious and possessed of charming personality.

Ethel McCall
Prairie View, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Very winning little girl; studious and possessed of charming personality.

Irene C. Jones
Beaumont, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A graduate of Beaumont High. Very popular and always full of smiles.

T. R. McCoy
3914 McKinney Ave., Houston, Texas
Graduate of Houston High fall of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. For two years a talented cellist. Present member of the sweet man "society". Has skill on the mangle and accuracy with the smoothing iron.

Marian Elizabeth Server
Dallas, Texas
Graduate of Dallas High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Is pet of Dallas girls. Will pursue a higher course in a special field.

George E. Boone
(Campus Agitator)
Box 205, Huntsville, Texas
A student of Tuskegee '11 and '12. Entered Prairie View fall of '13, where he has attended for four consecutive years. Three times President of the Freshmen, Sophomore and Senior years. His ability as a leader has been clearly demonstrated throughout his school career. Always a clever lad and most cheerful.

Avernon King
(Mother)
3520 Spencer St., Dallas, Texas
Finished Dallas High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Cares for her maternal ways. Has a musical heart and is an excellent pianist.
ALVARON PACE
Huntsville, Texas
"Sleepy," as his name implies, a very lethargic kind of fellow. Never indulges in any form of athletics but always sticks to his books.

SADIE V. MASON
Giddings, Texas
Graduate of Giddings High. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A very bright young lady, full of love for books and natural science.

F. L. BANKS
Box 30, Seguin, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A former student of El Paso High. (Euclid.) He might also be called a music master because of his fondness for that fine art. Always seen with his cornet.

CONSUELA JOHNSON
Waco, Texas
Graduate of Waco High. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A girl of Christian temperament and an active Christian worker. Secretary of Sunday School.

JAMES BLANCHETT
(The Black Jew)
845 Sabine Pass Ave., Beaumont, Texas
Finished Beaumont High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of same year. Star football player. Also fond of singing. Organized the Senior Glee Club.

RUHAMIA FRYE
(Icon)
614 N. Eighth St., Waco, Texas
Finished C. T. College spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of same year. Possessed of a charming disposition and carries a full cohort of friends.

SHONEY E. DAVIS
(Deacon)
Weldon, Texas
Formerly a student of Tillotson College. After three hard years of work in Prairie View will retire to a quiet cottage to till the soil. His knowledge of agriculture assures his success.

MAUD ODELLE REED
Hearne, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Very reserved and reticent. Takes great interest in studies and known as a brilliant scholar.
S. W. FARROW
518 Bruce St., Cuero, Texas

MAYMIE INEZ LIGHTFOOT
(A Sweet Girl Full of Smiles)
Bryan, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '14. A graduate of Bryan High. Miss Lightfoot is loved by all on account of her sweet and lovable disposition.

J. A. RILEY, JR.
1223 Oso St., Corpus Christi, Texas
Came to Prairie View the fall of '14. Better known as Old Jack. Secretary of B. B. C. He is one of the most favorite bass singers of the Senior Glee Club.

JEWEL BREWER
(Music Master)
1504 Chicon St., Austin, Texas
Finished Normal Course Sam Houston College spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Well known as a piano artist. Expects to go abroad in the study of music.

R. E. SIMMONS
(Jack)
Burkeville, Texas

ELOISE NORRIS
Lottig, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '14. Made Junior class. Absent one year; returned fall of '15. A studious young lady.

L. U. SMITH
(Yoakum, Texas
Finished Yoakum High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Is a very devout Christian gentleman. Noted for his seriousness and adherence to rule. Is ambitious for a "big college" career.

MAURINE C. LAWRENCE
(Dallas, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '13. Very lively and a campus favorite. Plays piano very well, hence her nickname.
WILLIAM WRIGHT BETTS
Giddings, Texas
Treasurer of Y. M. C. A. Entered Prairie View College fall of '15. Since that time he has led a very brilliant school career, winning many praises for his scholarly ability as well as for his life in Christian work. Representative of the Department of Agriculture, having received the highest average of his class. He will finish his college work at Chicago University.

LULA J. HARRISON
(Doll)
2206 Dowling St., Houston, Texas
Entered Prairie View in the fall of '13 from Houston High. Made Junior class by examination. After two years absence returned to join the Seniors. Finished both classes on the honor roll and stands fourth in scholarship. Ideal young lady. Her example is worthy of emulation.

ALPHIA JOE KIRBY
Fort Worth, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Being a Graduate of Fort Worth High she was given the Junior class. We found her very pleasing and a lover of music.

JOSEPH O. WILLIAMS
(Reverend)
2201 Gray Ave., Houston, Texas
One who is able to bury the dead and cheer the living. A man of mystery.

BESSIE HATCHETT
(Sincerity)
P. O. Box 261, Cuero, Texas
A pious young lady. Loved by all. Her six years of experience as a teacher has prepared her for the ordeals of a school life. We need more Bessies of this kind.

HORACE C. SCHUYLER
Henderson, Texas
Horace C. Schuyler, the ladies' finger­ring and historian, but will specialize in another field at an early date in the University of Chicago.

LOTTIE M. PIERCE
(Jolly Tom Thumb)
921 E. Line St., Tyler, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '13. Absent one year; returned fall of '16.

L. E. McGENSLEY
Box 154, Hempstead, Texas
MRS. M. E. BUTLER
Prairie View, Texas
Wife of Prof. M. E. Butler. A lady of marked ability as a scholar. Class orator for the class of '17.

MRS. A. E. Mc MILLAN
Prairie View, Texas
A woman of winning personality. Much admired by the other members of the class.

MRS. HENRY RICHARD
Prairie View, Texas
A lively woman, always ready for a pleasant smile. A very good scholar.

MRS. C. V. BOLDEN
(Modesty)
Navasota, Texas
One of the loveliest women of the class of '17. A favorite among both boys and girls.

WILLIE COUNTEE
Houston, Texas
A friendly young lady. From all indications she will live an old maid. Loved by her teachers and won for herself many friends.

HELENA STARKS
Hempstead, Texas
Finished Hempstead High. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Is a star in the social world. An average student. Hopes to become a successful teacher.

L. R. LOCKHART
(Particular)
2408 Dallas Ave., Houston, Texas
Entered Paul Quinn College '08 in the preparatory class, and attended to the junior year. Being out of school two years he traveled extensively. Afterward entered Prairie View, connecting himself with the Chorus as second tenor.

ANNIE TRENT
(Sweetie Dear)
615 Wardsville St., Cleburne, Texas
Finished Cleburne High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View '15. Much interested in folk dancing. Hopes to become a brilliant stage career.
ALMA LANDRY
(Yoll)
Box 33, Bryan, Texas

FRANKIE D. FIELDS
(South Texas Rose)
Yoakum, Texas
Finished Yoakum High spring of ’15. Entered Prairie View fall of ’15. A shy maid with sparkling eyes. Always happy and has no desire other than to be a model woman.

L. E. McBRIDE
(Queen’s Heart)
Newton, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of ’14. A conscientious young man, yet full of life. Can’t stand much fiddle music. Excellent in mathematics. He will get the money, but honest.

MISS GILLOHM
(Cleo)
Came to Prairie View this year from San Antonio. She has an exceptionally pleasing personality and marked scholarly ability. She took “entrance examination” for Senior year and is to graduate with May class of ’17.

W. B. BAKER
(Buttons)
Greenville, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of ’14; made Sophomore class. A college stage celebrity, famous for his “Follies.” A lover of song. Featured in many musical comedies.

DAISY CANNADY
(Mischief)
Bryan, Texas
Finished Bryan High spring of ’15. Entered Prairie View fall of ’15. A girl of exuberant nature, always bubbling over with fun, and a cute little maid, withal.

HILLIARD H. HARRIS
(Grouchy)
Carmine, Texas
Has labored diligently in Prairie View for four years. Is worthy of much praise for his superior service in the dining hall. Hopes to become a successful teacher.
MARY E. TOWNSEND
Victoria, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '13. During her four-year college career Mary has won a host of friends and admirers. It possessed of marvellous ways and very winning personality.

JOSEPHINE DUNN
(Sweetheart)
Bedford, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '14. A graduate of Shreveport High. Won fame in the social circle. Also a constant patron of our theater. She is to be commended for her pleasing disposition.

MAMIE WILLIAMS
Seguin, Texas
A very quiet and unassuming young lady; applies herself very diligently to her books.

MAYME TITUS
(Sunshine)
Clarksville, Texas
Possessed with a great ability as a scholar, a magnetic power of influence and attraction, and with a wonderful soprano voice unexcelled in sweetness she stands as one of the fairest stars of her class.

MARY DONALD
Marlin, Texas
Graduate of Marlin High. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A very lovable little girl, much admired by many friends and acquaintances.

AGNES LEWIS
(Fortune Teller)
Gonzales, Texas
Graduate of Gonzales High. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Declared by the girls to be endowed with mystic powers. At any rate a very bright young lady.

KATHRYN V. HENRY
(Jack)
209 Taylor St., Dallas, Texas
Graduate of Dallas High. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. Possessed of much wisdom and full of big town spirit.

ADDIE E. McFARLAND
Mineola, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '14. A very sturdy young woman full of the spirit of the old times and the characteristic industry of the old-time mammy.
E. M. KNIGHTON
(Charlie Chaplin)
Pollok, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '16; made Junior class by examination. Noted for brilliant intellect. Possessed of a very keen sense of humor.

ZEPHYR TURNER
(Sanctified)
Dallas, Texas
A very studious young lady, intensely devoted to her studies. Probably that is from whence comes her nickname.

ANDREW LOVE
(Satyr, also called Socrates)
Calvert, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '14. Absent one year; returned fall of '16. We do not know whether this name comes from his intellectual attainments or his resemblance to the noted philosopher.

SUSIE ISLER
(Little Bit)
Fort Worth, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A graduate of Fort Worth High. Derives her nickname from the small extent of her anatomy.

CHARLES JOHNSON
(Charlie)
Nacogdoches, Texas
Has come from a "Prep" on up. A nifty chap, fond of studies, and something of a Beau Brummel. Lots of clothes and a favorite among the fair sex.

PEARL FLEMING
(Smiles)
282 Lee St., Fort Worth, Texas
Entered Prairie View fall of '15. "Smiles," so called because of her optimistic attitude toward life. Likes books and the study of natural science. Never expects to be an intellectual star. Wants to be a model housewife.

RECTOR WOODWARD
(Rec)
Calvert, Texas
Graduate of Calvert High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A very unobtrusive fellow; seldom seen except on way to class. Applies himself very diligently to studies and hopes to be a successful teacher.

LUCILE EDNA FRAZIER
(Mocking Bird)
508 Navasota St., Austin, Texas
Graduate of Tillotson College spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. She has an excellent voice and will continue her training at Boston Conservatory of Music. Will be a credit to her race in the vocal field.
GEORGE M. GAULT  
(Trombone Wonder)  
Hillsboro, Texas  
Entered Prairie View fall of '14.  
To all who know him he is a genius, and  
it is thought that the world will soon  
know him as we do. He put the "G"  
in Geometry and "T" in Trig. A very  
ambitious kid. Will continue his educa-  
tion in the East.

RUTH CHATAM  
(Hoistess)  
Hempstead, Texas  
Daughter of the Watermelon King.  
Entered Prairie View fall of '13.  
She excelled not only in the studies  
of her class, but equally as a social  
magnet.

MARSHALL POPE  
(Chauffeur)  
2121 Nashua St., Houston, Texas  
A quiet, modest gentleman. Loves  
his books and the ladies as well. He  
is noted for making the highest speed  
between Prairie View and Hempstead.

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T. D. WATKINS
(Bell Ringer)
Huntsville, Texas
A man they all love to see, since he rings the bell at meal time. If he will enjoy as many blessings throughout life as have been heaped upon his head like an ever-blessed upon his head he will undoubtedly be the second Midas.

FANNIE RHAMBO
(Dove)
Bivins, Texas
A graduate of the Jefferson High, class of '14. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A very bright student, ambitious and of a sweet disposition.

JOHN L. HARRIS
Nacogdoches, Texas
Has come through the whole four years in Prairie View. An easy-going chap with sturdy ways.

MINNIE MAE TAYLOR
Gonzales, Texas
Graduate of Gonzales High, class of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A bright student.

PAUL G. MATHIS
Jefferson, Texas
Graduate of Jefferson High, class of '15. Valedictorian class of '17. One of the most brilliant young men in the college. Noted for his scholarly ability and Faultless deportment.

JOHNNIE C. MORRIS
Rice, Texas
A very modest young lady with Christian temperament. Identified with every Christian organization on the campus. The first colored girl to be sent from Texas to the International Y. M. C. A. Conference.

M. L. PEEL
(Old Man)
Daingerfield, Texas
An average scholar with quiet and unassuming ways.

LUCY JONES
A very quiet and unassuming young lady with Christian temperament.
E. H. BAYLISS  
(Little Pete)  
1057 Christian St., Shreveport, La. 
Class Treasurer. Entered Prairie View fall of ’15, making Junior class. Represents the Mechanical Department this year with average of 99 per cent. Will pursue further training at some high college.

HELEN ALEXANDER  
Mount Enterprise, Texas  
A very modest young lady, endowed with enviable qualities as a Christian. An active Christian and social service worker.

SETH NEWTON  
(The Roll Man)  
Entered Prairie View fall of ’13 as Freshman. He has led a very interesting school career. Is a star in the athletic world, but very frail in the social world.

ANNIE L. McGEE  
(F. E. B.’s Ideal)  
Mart, Texas  
Spends much of her time in planting spring models, love affairs and her favorite subject, Latin. She is a star in the Millinery Department.

ARTIE BRAILSFORD  
(Hawkshaw)  
Burkeville, Texas  
Entered Prairie View fall of ’13, where he remained for four consecutive years. Has the confidence and admiration of the faculty and student body. Will be a star in secret service in future years.

LOVIE BIVINGS  
(Lovie)  
Victoria, Texas  
Entered Prairie View fall of ’16. A graduate of Victoria High. Her cheerful disposition has won for her the love of her classmates. Will be found with a pleasant smile. Will take a cottage instead of college course.

J. R. JOHNSON  
(Dynamo)  
Sherman, Texas  
Entered Prairie View fall of ’13. A graduate of Sherman High. His skill in electricity has made his service invaluable to the Mechanical Department. Will continue his education in Boston Tech.

NECKE ETTA ABSALOM  
(Dallas Mathematics Queen)  
326 Miller Ave., Dallas, Texas  
Graduated from Dallas High spring of ’15. Entered Prairie View fall of ’15. Very lovely disposition.
ERIE POSEY  
(Laughing Waters)  
Dallas, Texas  
Graduate of Dallas High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. A girl with a very sweet disposition, loved and admired by many friends and acquaintances.

EFFIE FORROW  
518 Bruce St., Cuero, Texas  
Graduate of Cuero High spring of '15. Entered Prairie View fall of '15. "Fe," on account of her sweet and amiable disposition, is loved by all.

ROScoe LEwIS  
Beaumont, Texas  
A singer of no mean ability. Also a humorist.

EUGENE FAIR  
(Scrit)  
Chapel Hill, Texas  
One of the four-year men, whose quiet demeanor has made him well liked by all.

SHERMAN ROBINSON  
(Joe)  
Silsbee, Texas  
An athlete whose brilliant running on the football team and whose pitching on the baseball team makes him a star in the college world.

DOVIE FEARONCE  
1724 Ghio Boulevard, Texarkana, Texas  
Popular, beautiful, and brilliant.

JOHN P. SUTTON  
514 N. Cherry St., San Antonio, Texas  
Scholar and gentleman, of distinguished parentage and historic traditions.

MRS. PEARL ALEXANDER  
Marshall, Texas  
A good student, silent, modest and earnest.
RUSSELL ALEXANDER
(Dykes)
Cleburne, Texas
The best football player in Texas. A captain who inspired his team and whose wonderful playing made him feared throughout the State.

EFFIE FLANAGAN
Elderville, Texas
Who is so quiet that she was almost left out of this book.

GEORGE NAPORS
Houston, Texas
Quarterback on the football team, whose brains were the power behind the victories of our team.

WILLIE TRIGG
Bryan, Texas
Center on the football team. A strong man on the campus. A real plumber.

EULA B. THORNTON
Denison, Texas
An earnest student with foreign missionary ambitions.

PAUL DENNY
Nacogdoches, Texas
He who loves to argue and whose sporting tendencies must be curbed.

VENORA BARRY
Hallsville, Texas
So tall, she looks down upon the world.

CARL ASKEY
A football and baseball star whose work placed our teams in the van.
THROUGH the horoscope of the future, looking down the vale of the fitful years to come, I can see the motley horde of intellectual disciples that compose the class of '17 of old Prairie View scattering broadcast through the land all the good seeds of thought and racial ambition that they gathered while within these gloomy walls.

It is the year 2,000. The good old U. S. A. has undergone a sociological and economic revolution. Old-time standards have been swept away and a new kind of reform, based upon the philosophy that “the fittest must always survive,” has been accepted by the world. And this great awakening was brought about by nothing less than the far-seeing statesmanship and crafty wisdom of our noted president, Mr. R. C. Alexander. He has marshalled his forces into working groups, compatible with the necessary work to be done, and swept the country over in a newspaper campaign of whirlwind proportions, and forced the country to accept the new reform.

Each member of the class of '17 has given up every vocational ambition and unreservedly given his life and talent to the cause. Through their permanent secretary, Mr. Curtis Taylor, they have kept in touch with one another and vied with the president in carrying on the great work. They have established a new standard of citizenship, a new idea of civil ethics, and have been designated as a distinct group of progressive citizens, new to the world.

The female members have become traveling lecturers, known as “better home emissaries.” Their duty is to spread the doctrine of cleaner, more beautiful homes, and more sanitary conditions in congested neighborhoods. They have organized throughout the country scores of “housecleaning brigades,” composed of progressive housewives. Their work is the talk of the press. Mr. Jeff Meeks, who during his college days evidenced journalistic talent of a high order, has established a newspaper known as the “Voice in the Wilderness,” which is the official mouthpiece of the class of '17. It has won a large circulation and in its columns may be found the very crystallization of the philosophy upon which the class of '17 has
based its life work. Its home office is in a large Eastern city, and the plant ranks as one of the largest of its kind extant.

Mr. Meeks has chosen on his editorial staff such brilliant men as Mr. L. O. Black and Mr. H. Schuyler. He has formed a printing corporation and the Hon. W. W. Betts has given his name as president of the company. In support of the doctrine of economic progressiveness, Mr. H. Ross, who has won the distinction of being one of the ablest lawyers of his time, has established a bank known as the “Economic Improvement and Trust Company.”

It is a huge repository for the earnings of “greater colored America.”

After the great war was over, the members of the class of ‘17 who had served with distinction on the European front under our gallant Col. J. P. Sutton, had a grand reunion on the old campus grounds amid the inspiring scenes of our college days.

Here beneath the flag that waves proudly at the entrance to the lawn the veterans, many of them bent and aged, passed in reunion before the Chief Executive and took off their hats with something of the old-time vigor as the College band played the strains of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

JOHNNIE MORRIS,  
Class Prophet.
JUNIOR ROLL

EMILY BLOUNT
ANNIE BROOKS
IZETTA BRUCE
MURIEL BURLESON
ALICE BLACKBURN
VERA BYRD
QUICK V. CLEAVER
ANNIE A. BROOME
ELIZABETH BLEXDOR
MATTIE EMERS
RUTH GARRET
JOHNNIE FAISON
SADIE HENDERSON
ALFRED HUGHES
MARY HAMMOND
CLARICE HARRIS
C. E. J. HICKMAN
ALONZA W. HIVING
ORA JONES
ANNIE JONES
ELVIO KERR
BLANCHE KENNEDY
WILLIAM MARTIN
MYRTLE LINDSEY
DIANE LEGENDRE
JENNY JONES
GWENDOLYN MCQUEEN
GARSONA MCGUIRE
ROBERTA MCGRUDER
LOIS MITCHELL
ELLA MITCHELL
VALLIE POWELL
JIMMIE PUGH
RUTH RAY
DONA RUSSELL
RUTH RYAN
ESTELLA WILLIAMS
EVER E. WALLER
WILLIAM WADSWORTH
CHARLOTTE WALLACE
SHELBY E. WALLACE
BESSIE E. ORANGE
OVELLA TAPE
BATTLE BELL JONES
GEORGIA SMITH

JUNIOR ROLL—Continued

ZENOBIA MAE TOLIVER
FANNIE TISON
EFFIE TALLEY
MARGARET C. TINDLE
NELLIE B. WILEY
ANNIE WILLIAMS
JESSIE WILSON
ALBERTA WATSON
ROBERTA WATSON
LATHALIA WARD
GRACE YOUNG
ARTIE BROWN
ESTELL MAGEE
OPHELIA L. ADAMS
SIGNORA FLANAGAN
ARTIE BROWN
ESTELL MASEY
PHYLLIS ALFORD
B. T. ALLEN
COMELIUS BLACKMAN
JAMES H. BRANCH
HALLIE G. GRAY
LEVI CUL
J. H. CLAY
W. H. GOVAN
BLANCH EVANS
CLEO FLINT
GWENDOLYN McQUEEN
GARSONA MCGUIRE
ROBERTA MCGRUDER
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JUNIOR HISTORY

Class Colors: Pea Green and Pink.

The Junior Class this year is one of the best in years, both in number and in point of ability. It was well represented in every phase of the college life, having stars on the football and baseball clubs, and also the track team. Some of the best orators and elocutionists on the campus were Juniors. Much is expected of a Junior Class, especially in Prairie View, since it outnumbers every other class almost two to one, and the class of '18 has done unusually well in coming up to such expectations.

It is to be hoped that all will return another year and grace the ranks of the Seniors, an honor that most of them have fully earned.
MAUDE ALEXANDER
CLEO ALEXANDER
EVELYN ARMS
WILLIAM RUSSELL
KEVIN SMITH
SOPHOMORE ROLL

This class, like other Sophomore Classes, had the "pep." The present Sophomore Class was organized September 22, 1915, with an enrollment of sixty. The following officers were elected: J. R. Terry, president; Lucile Davis, secretary; Theo. Scott, treasurer.

The work and general deportment of the class was not surpassed by any of the other classes. The class gradually increased in numbers during the year. Under the wise leadership of the teachers in charge the year closed with a fair degree of success to more than 90 per cent. The class is to be complimented on the spirit of its president, Mr. Terry.

The present Sophomore Class was organized September 22, 1916, with an enrollment of about 175, of which a great per cent were last year students. Mr. Terry won the confidence of his class and was re-elected as president, with the following cabinet: Lorabelle Barnes, vice president; Bessee Hardway, secretary; Willie Penn, assistant secretary; N. Q. Henderson, treasurer; A. L. T. Fedford, chaplain.

Prof. E. A. Carter, assisted by Miss C. Lewis, directed the class. Honors often come to the members of the Sophomore Class. Mr. Tippit will represent the class in the annual temperance contest. His talent as an orator will raise the standard of the class. The class lost one of its most worthy members, Miss Nattie Hardman, of Winchester, Texas. The whole class mourned her loss. A very beautiful floral offering was sent to her parents.

This class, like other Sophomore Classes, had the "pep."
FRESHMAN ROLL


MABEL COUTON  PEARL DIX  ELOUIS DUBBS  ALMA EDWARDS  AMY ELLIS  BERTHA FISHER  MINNIE FOSTER  IRENE GARDINER  LOVANAH HEPURY  BERTIE HAYDEN  MAMIE JOHNSON  IRA JEFFISON  EULA JOHNS  BARBARA LILLY  PINK LISTER  LILLIAN LEADON  HENRIETTA LEE  EMMA MESHACK  MARY MCENINY  L. V. MOORE  MAMIE NAIR  MAMIE NASH  HELEN RUTLEDGE  LAURA OSBORN  VIOLET RICHEY  GERTHA ROBERTS  ADDIE ROUCH  CLAUDINE SHANKS  W. B. SADDBERRY  EFFIE STADMAN  L. V. STRONG  BEULAH TAYLOR  EMMA THRASH  BERDIE TEMPLE  JOSEPHINE WYSONG  NANNIE WASHINGTON  LEILA WALKER  M. ADAMS  EDNA BROWN  EVA BROWN  MARY BARRY  JESSE BUTLER  EDDIE RUSH  ANATOLIA COATS  MILLIE CALLIS  L. CAMPBELL  JESSE DAVIS  WILBIE GIPSON  VERSELLA HINTON  ARENA HENRY  SAVANNAH HENRY  CARRIE HARRIS  L. HARVEY  I. K. HILL  EDNA THOMAS  J. A. JOHNSON  DESSIE JACKSON  ROSABELLE JAMES  MARY MILLS  PANSIE MCALL  ALBERT PETTY  ANNE PHILLIPS  K. D. ROBINSON  CHARLES SADDBERRY  WILLIE B. SIMS  ANNIE BELL SEATON  ANNE WATERS  MARY B. WATSON  MATTIE WEST  T. V. BRADLEY  LILLIAN GOULD  BETHANIE WALLACE  SARAH ATHERTON  MARTIN TALCOTT  GERTRUDE BUTLER  MOLLIE BASKET  MYRTLE FEATHEREE  JESSIE CARTER  ADDIE CUMMINGS  ROBERTA COLEMAN  HATTIE WELLS  VIOLA GILBERT  RICHARD JORDAN  IDA WILLIAMS  ELIZABETH HORTON  MISSOURI HODGES  BESSIE HARRIS  WAYMAN HICKS  L. D. HANAH  TENA HUBBARD  MABEL BRUMLY  ETHEL HOPES  EDNA JOHNSON  ADDIE JOHNSON  BERTHA JOHNSON  ROGERS WIGGINS  W. E. LOTTING  ISABEL MCGILL  BESIE McGOVERN  ELIZABETH MOODY  COY MAYFIELD  A. MARTIN  JEWELL RAY  PERCY WIGGINS  BERTIE WIGGINS  IRENE THOMPS  C. S. WILLIAMS  IRENE TERRIEL  HORACE WADE

FRESHMAN ROLL


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HISTORY OF FRESHMAN

Motto: "No Victory Without Labor."  Class Colors: Red and White.

The Freshman Class was organized on the 11th of November, and elected the following officers: Charles Langham, president; Earl Minor, vice president; Lillian Hannah, secretary; Violet Richey, assistant secretary; J. H. Moore, treasurer; Edward Powell, chaplain; Irene Terrell, reporter. Under the leadership of Professor Griggs (Dean of Men) and Miss Sims, throughout the whole year the class has entered into all activities of the school with all their might.

Though least in number it has not been least in interest and class work. The enrollment of the class for this year was 191. Some of the stars of the College football team are members of the Freshman Class: E. R. Minor and Jeff Stewart. Some of the members of the Freshman Class were very prominent in the Christian pageant.

The Freshman Class song, "Freshman Melody," was composed by Edward Powell. Tune, "Red, White and Blue."
Book IV

Organizations and Publications

Believe Me

Prairie View, Tex.

Is the Best Town on the Map

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The Prairie '17
Book V
MUSIC
COLLEGE QUARTETTE

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D. Washington, Bass.

Hugh Key, Baritone.
SONG TEXAS
WORDS AND MUSIC BY E. L. BLACKSHEAR

Down in the Brazos Bottom is the spot where I was born;
Down among vast cotton fields and seas of waving corn,
In a little cabin standing by the riverside.
Texas! Oh, Texas! My childhood's pride.

CHORUS.
Texas! Oh, Texas! My thoughts are all of thee.
Texas! Oh, Texas! Wherever I may be.
But still the Brazos River and my childhood home I see.
Texas! Oh, Texas! I dream of thee.

Mother still lives in that cabin by the riverside;
Her children all have left her and they've scattered far and wide,
But I am going back to cheer her lonely life's decline.
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During the school year the students are entertained of evenings on the lawn by the College Band, under the directorship of Prof. A. D. Ewell, who also directs the College Orchestra, which gives concerts in the chapel at pleasant intervals.
December the 20th Miss Nickerson rendered an exceptionally pleasing piano recital. The entire student body, the members of the faculty and their families, and the families connected in other ways with the school, formed the audience.

The program was composed of pieces which, though seemingly difficult, were thoroughly enjoyed. In her rendition of "The Music Box" Miss Nickerson received prolonged applause. Throughout her program could be detected her admirable technique and splendid ability to produce harmonic tones.

Miss Helen Hagan's recital of January 6th was a second musical feature of more than passing interest. Local talent played an important part in the making of the program. Professor Carter gave a reading of Kipling's "Gunga Din," while Misses Keeling and Middleton and Mrs. McGee rendered vocal solos.

The Invincible Four entertained all the students and teachers of Prairie View. Two of the principals, the male constituents, were totally blind, but notwithstanding this they handled their instruments, which included, piano, banjo, violin, harp and trombone, in such a manner as to inspire all. In their singing, too, all music lovers were given a rare treat.

Mrs. Maud Cuney Hare, with Professor Richardson, appeared in concert recital February 26th.

The Williams Singers, on March 5th, sang to a crowded chapel.

"Star of the East," a Christmas play, which was staged by Miss M. J. Sims, with the assistance of Y. W. C. A. girls, was a pronounced success.

"A Case of Suspension" was presented by members of the Junior Class. The characters played so well their parts as to make the play enjoyable to all.
LECTURES

Almost the first of the year was Dr. Keeling's lecture, "Growth." This lecture was so practical and was given in such a concise, to-the-point manner that all appreciated the talk very much.

Other lecturers came and went, but none more familiar than Comical "J. O. Midnite," by Dr. Charles S. Stewart. Dr. Stewart remained on the campus for a few days and took great delight in visiting the class rooms, making the halls, visiting the chapel, and wherever he could find someone to make laugh. Though Dr. Stewart’s mission seemed to be to make others laugh, his talks had a serious side, too, which if heeded would have much to do with getting rid of superstition and ignorance.

Dr. Musselman gave two interesting lectures in the chapel January 21st and 22nd. In his first, "Life and Education," Dr. Musselman pointed out that life is the longing of hunger: Hunger for health, love, beauty, etc.; and that education shows how to adapt oneself to these hunger environments. His second, "Personality," was not less interesting.

Dr. Shannon gave a series of lectures on Health and the Eugenic question. Incidentally he brought in the simple ways of telling the story of life. These lectures, extending from the eleventh through the twelfth, and covering four lectures, were very necessary and helpful to all.

DORMITORY JOYS

In this school, like many others, there are numerous private organizations which have for their ultimate end to get a balanced ration, and these spreads are known in college slang as "functions." These functions have such attractive menus the teachers often join, notwithstanding they are against the rule.

Among these private societies some of the most famous are, viz: "Cognosco," "Extempo," "Mysterious Seven," "J. H. S." "Bucket of Blood Club; "Fatal to Chickens About the Campus," "Junior Rooters," "Middle Building Resisting Sisters," "Sweet Man's Aggregation," "Ham's Delight," "Mechanical Boys," "Senior Hall Rats," and "Luckie Hall Aristocracy."

While eating was the main feature of most of these societies, the famous Cognosco discussed the vital points of life and eating became secondary.
The joys of Thanksgiving might be enumerated thus: (1) A late breakfast; (2) an enjoyable Thanksgiving program; (3) an excellent dinner, and (4) a lawn social, and to crown all, (5) a beautiful day.

Dinner was served in the dining hall, where the tables had been tastefully decorated in mosses and evergreens. The menu consisted, in part, of roast pork, roast turkey with sage dressing, cranberry jelly, pickles, celery, fruit, nuts and raisins, potatoes, salad, cake and pies.

Almost immediately after dinner came the lawn social, which was very much enjoyed by all.
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REMEMBER MARCH SIX

The Return of the Prodigals

We the Editorial Board in behalf of the Senior Class wish to express our thanks to Professors C. H. Waller and E. A. Carter for their kindly aid and advice which made this volume possible.
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for you can't get away with it.
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