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 Prairie View State College, Prairie View, Texas

Summer School -

1. We desire to welcome to our group as instructors in the summer school the following:
 - a. Miss V. Hollis, A. B., Virginia State; Ithaca School of Physical Culture
 - b. Mrs. Sadye R. Boyce, A. B. and A. M., Illinois; one semester on Ph. D.
 - c. Miss Beulah Farmer, A. B., Cincinnati; A. M., Columbia
 - d. Professor R. T. Tatum, Normal, Prairie View; A. B., Fisk; A. M., Columbia
2. A fine piece of work is going on. Thanks to both teachers and students.

Salaries -

1. The recent Legislature reduced salaries of state employees 25 per cent for the next biennium, beginning September, 1933.
2. As you will note, we are having difficulties with our state warrants. For two years we have taken up teachers' warrants from our available cash reserve but since we have had to carry the construction of Anderson Hall on a cash basis, we are now "pinched" for cash to continue taking up warrants until the close of school. Mr. Lewis and I have discussed a plan which he will discuss with you some time for your co-operation if you are interested.

Well!

I am to be a "school boy" again.

I am leaving tomorrow--Tuesday--for Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, for study, inspiration, contact, recreation, and rumination.

For nineteen years I have pushed forward with all the strength and power of my nature, without cessation, in the cause of education for the underprivileged in America--"the land of the free and the home of the brave". The drive has been hard, exceedingly difficult at times, but at all times unceasing and consistent, because the movement had to go up hills of prejudice, over mountains of hypocrisy and deceit, face stiff head winds of ingratitude, and a medley of confusion and misunderstanding, but "I ain't got weary yet". I now thank God for all of these experiences, though bitter and disappointing at times; but at all times I have struggled to keep in sight the "bright gleam" of Beauty and Truth. And now as I retreat for "strength to labor on", I leave with faith and satisfaction of knowing that each one of you, my colleagues and students, will do your full duty.

Faithfully yours,

W. Rutherford Banks

July 3, 1933

- P. S.
- a. I shall be happy to give all letters the usual prompt attention if anyone writes me.
 - b. All members of the faculty will kindly be ready for duty on or by September 14, 1933.