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Prairie View Holds School For Vocational Teachers

The special school for the teachers of vocational agriculture including home economics in the rural schools of Texas held at the college from June 6 to July 9, inclusive, embraced instruction which covered all phases of the work as taught in the various public schools.

There were about fifty vocational teachers present and each of them as a result of their attendance upon the vocational school will go back to their community schools better prepared to do their work and to serve their people.

Among those present who lectured on various topics of vocational agriculture and home economics were Mr. C. L. Davis, state director of vocational agriculture; Mr. J. B. Brown, assistant state director of vocational agriculture and Miss Eloise D. Berry, assistant state director of home economics. The school was under the auspices of the department of agriculture, directed by Prof. R. B. Atwood.

In a lecture to the teachers Miss Eloise D. Berry explained the availability of state aid and for rural schools. This was as follows:

- Schools with one class of ten grades.
- (a) schools already equipped, \$250;
 - (b) schools equipped this year, \$350.
- For two classes of not less than ten pupils per class, (a) schools already equipped \$400; and schools equipping this year, \$500.

Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Taylor

Mr. C. B. Caldwell, representative of the Jeans-Slater fund; and Mr. D. B. Taylor, high school examiner for the state department of education, Austin, Texas, spent most of the day here June 23.

The two educators made personal observations and inquiries into every phase of the college, its teachers, pupils, curricula, facilities, organization, efficiency, and educational environment.

Principal W. R. Banks, including the teachers and employes, gave the distinguished gentlemen a generous reception with full and free opportunity to see Prairie View as it was and as it is.

Prof. Rufus Ballard Atwood

Prof. Rufus Ballard Atwood is a graduate of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, and of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, holding a bachelor of arts degree from the former and a bachelor of science degree from the latter institution. He is one of the ablest scholars on the faculty of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College.

Prof. Rufus Ballard Atwood is director of agriculture at the college and is acting dean of the college in the absence of Dean Max Phillip Carmichael who is attending Chicago University this summer. Under the administrative direction of Prof. W. Rutherford Banks, principal of the college, the summer school has been largely organized through the astuteness of Prof. Rufus Ballard Atwood, and the curricula as well as the operation of the summer school in gen-

eral bears testimony of his reputation as a scholar and as an able schoolman.

The Nautilus

The Nautilus, a branch organization of Negro Women engaged in uplift work, had for its special guest, Miss Elcena F. Martin, at tea, Friday evening July 1 from 4 to 6.

The honorary entertainment was given at the Principal's residence, the home of Principal and Mrs. W. R. Banks. Mrs. W. R. Banks is president of the local organization. Miss Elcena F. Martin is instructor in the home economics division of the college who took immediate leave for Columbia University to enter the summer session.

Prof. S. R. Gribble, superintendent of Hempstead Schools; Mr. James W. Monk, principal of Hempstead schools; and Mr. C. H. Urban, president of the Hempstead school board, were at the college on business.

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PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS, SATURDAY,

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\$100,000.00 FOR GIRLS NEW DORMITORY

The recent special session of the state legislature appropriated \$100,000 for a new dormitory at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College and this item in the appropriation bill was approved by Governor Dan Moody.

This new dormitory will go far in providing accommodations to the large number of students who make applications to enter the college each year. The new one-hundred-thousand-dollar dormitory will to a great degree take the place of Evans Hall which was destroyed by fire and will be the home for girls.

It was reported that more than 200 students were denied admittance to the college this summer because the present rooming facilities are inadequate.

It is freely conceded by those who have made a close study of the college and its phenomenal growth and progress in recent years that fully 2000 students will be ready to enroll in the various branches of the institution as soon as housing facilities are adequate.

Rev. M. M. Young Preaches
at the College

Rev. M. M. Young, pastor, Berean Seventh-Day Adventist church, Houston, Texas, preached to the summer school Sunday morning July 1 at 11 o'clock.

Prof. Z. W. Carroll, associate professor of modern languages, was master of ceremonies; and Miss Doris Reita Novel, director of music, presided at the piano. Miss D. Addie

Chambers sang "Face to Face" just before the minister was introduced to the vast throng that had assembled to hear him.

Rev. Young took for his text these words and preached fully one hour: What good thing shall I do to inherit eternal life? To obtain eternal life the audience was exhorted to keep the commandments of the Lord, even the ten commandments handed down on Mount Sinai.

There is little regard now for the law of God or of man," said Rev. Young, "and thousands deny that the altar is inspired. If we had love in our hearts for God we would have love for our fellow men. We have many churches but little true religion.

"The need of God in our lives is the call of the hour. If we would live hereafter in the fullness of the glory of God, we must keep His commandments."

Mrs. C. B. Williams

Mrs. C. B. Williams, formerly Miss C. B. Drisdale, who was for several years teacher in the department of social sciences at the college, is back again to the delight of many of her old time friends whom she found here.

Mrs. Williams is now making her permanent home in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Her husband is Principal of the Colored school at Las Cruces, and she is one of his assistants there.

Mrs. Williams is an alumnus of the college but she has enrolled for special courses during her stay here for the summer.

THE CALL

By Napoleon Bonaparte Edward.

Like the thrills of the bugles of war,
That are calling the brave to the front,
He is calling us, men, not to mar,
But the evil and wrong an affront.

Let us buckle our swords and our shields,
Let us step by the rap of the drum,
There are vices entrenched in the fields,
There is work for the King not begun.

With our hearts that are earnest and true,
With our lives that are happy and right,
And our souls that are noble and pure,
There'll be God and His host in our fight.

Though the smoke of the strife hover long,
And the song of the battle cry last,
Let us face to the right and march on,
And answer the King and His blast.

Mrs. R. F. Johnson

Mrs. R. F. Johnson, president of the state federation of clubs for Negro women, spoke to the teachers of the summer session here Monday morning June 27.

Mrs. Johnson spoke for forty minutes and was heard by each of 1100 teachers and students, so interesting and enthusiastic was her address from the first sentence of the introduction to the peroration.

Mrs. Johnson discussed the object as well as the progress and achievements of the women's federated clubs and made an eloquent appeal for membership. Mrs. Johnson said that only 1500 Texas women belong to the organization and that strong efforts were being made to enroll a much larger number.

Mrs. Johnson was introduced to the college by Mrs. G. O. Sanders, secretary of the local club.

HOME ECONOMICS

The following report was read in a meeting of the general faculty of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College June 28, 1927.

Principal W. R. Banks and Co-workers:—The following is the report of the Home Economics Division to date:

Clothing Department

Freshmen	50
Sophomores	14
Juniors	16
Trades and Academy	16

Foods Department

Freshmen	54
Sophomores	16
Juniors	9
Trades	7
Handicraft	50
Home Economics Education	13
Child Care	42
Household Management	20

Total 307

The work is going along in the several departments in fine shape and we are proud of the way the students are taking hold of the work and completing the required problems. We are only sorry that we were not able to accommodate all who wished to enter some branch of our work; however, because of the crowded conditions many had to be turned away.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth C. May, Supervisor,
Division of Home Economics.

The College Observes
July the Fourth

College class work as a whole was suspended and silenced on July 4 and an impressive program commemorating the independence of the American colonies from British misrule was rendered in the college auditorium beginning at 10:00 a. m. Prof. M. B. Davis, principal of Jacksonville High school, presiding.

The morning patriotic program was as follows:

1. Song, America—Congregation
2. Invocation—Prof. Wm. Henry
3. Song, Battle Hymn of the Republic— Congregation
4. Reading, The Declaration of Independence—Mrs. A. E. Reed
5. Address, Personal Liberty—Prof. I. Q. Hurdle

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College Observes

July the Fourth

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6. Saxophone Solo—Mr. C. Wells, accompanied by Miss J. Brown

7. Oration, Self-Control—Miss Elois McDoiald

8. Address, What the Fourth of July Means to the Negro—Prof. G. W. Buchanan

9. Song, Star Spangled Banner—Congregation

Beginning at 1:30 p. m., 1900 students were served in the college mess hall by waitresses under the direction of Mr. M. A. DeWitt, the college steward. The menu was: Fried Chicken with Gravy, Rice, Buttered Peas, Bread, and fresh Cream and Cane.

At 3 p. m. the college marched to the athletic field directly in front of the campus and took seats in the grandstand to witness a ball game which had been planned between local base ball fans attending the summer session. It took a hard rain to check the ambitions of the warriors who were well on their way when the white flag was suddenly hoisted on both sides closing the base ball battle for the day.

Beginning at 7:30 p. m. the "Winners of the Wilderness," a stirring moving picture drama was thrown on the screen to 1100 people in the college auditorium.

Those in charge of the program for the day, directly and indirectly, were as follows:

- Prof. W. R. Banks, principal
- Prof. E. B. Atwood, director
- Mr. M. B. Basis, chairman
- Mr. F. D. Batis
- Mr. W. L. L. Johnson
- Mr. Charles Dudley
- Mr. ————Godbolt
- Mrs. E. J. Lethridge
- Mrs. Mary Ford
- Mrs. Rattie Bianton
- Mrs. Lola Mays
- Mrs. Adline Hurdle
- Mrs. B. A. Sheffield, secretary

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SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1927.

Principal Banks Holds Workers Meeting

Pursuant to the call of Principal W. R. Banks, the Workers Meeting composed of teachers and employes of the college, assembled in the college auditorium promptly at 7:30 p. m., Monday June 28, 1927.

Immediately after the opening prayer had been offered by Prof. Z. W. Carroll, Principal Banks called for reports from directors and heads of the departments which dealt with the work of those departments since the summer session began June 6, 1927. These reports were read and filed in the office of the Principal. Taking the reports as a whole, they showed good class work, harmony and good will among teachers and pupils alike.

Among other things considered were the first term examinations, enrollment for the second term, classification, reporting to the registrar, selection of books, incomplete examinations, seating in the chapel, and assignment cards.

Prof. R. B. Atwood, acting dean of the college, submitted the following from which students may select as the fourth subject: Public school music, canning, sewing, printing, carpentry, auto mechanics, and handicraft.

Before the Workers Meeting closed Principal Banks made an appeal for membership in the National Colored Teachers Association and appointed the following professors and instructors to canvass and enroll the teachers and school: Lucky Hall, Prof. W. L. D. Johnson; Blackshear Hall, Mrs.

E. M. Green; Minor Hall, Miss Leah Mae Minor; Crawford Hall, Mrs. J. M. Johnson; New Frame, Miss Madison; Old Frame, Mrs. Bowen; Practice Cottage, Miss E. C. May; Woodruff Hall, Prof. G. O. Sanders; Foster Hall, Prof. J. M. Hunter; Walker Hall, Mrs. Callie Shurn; and Teachers, Mrs. E. C. Ellison.

WOMEN IN THE TRADES

The College is taking cognizance of the increasing number of women enrolling in the various trades and industrial courses of the institution. Notwithstanding the fact that many of these trades courses have been followed heretofore mostly by men, the work of the women have not proven of an inferior grade.

Another thing that is noticed is the fact that in many of the trades and industrial courses the women exceed the men and in some cases more than double them.

Although there is no prejudice against women in the trades and industrial courses at the college, Principal Banks is giving the matter of industrial efficiency of our group much serious study, with the view, no doubt, of enrolling a larger number of the young men in the various industrial courses offered each session, regular and summer, at the institution.

The Editor has just received a statement which shows the enrollment in the summer school in carpentry, canning, and broom and mattressmaking, giving the number of men and women in each as follows: Carpentry, men, 22, women 18; canning, men 7, women 29; broom and mattressmaking, men 2, women 2.

Speaking frankly the Editor believes that honest work will not hurt anybody, it is good for the rich no less than for the poor, and that skilled labor will be individually and

socially important everywhere long as the nations of the earth are going upward and forward.

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH

There is something more than the mere name of Charles A. Lindbergh in the trans-Atlantic flight made by him on May 20, 1927. There is something more than the fact that he has brought two hemispheres closer together and cemented the friendship of the nations of the old world with that of the new. That something is Charles A. Lindbergh himself, Charles A. Lindbergh the man.

Charles A. Lindbergh was not only a fine mechanic and exceptional aeronaut, but, as the Editor of the Standard sees him, he was first in the great and imperishable principles which shall cause him as well as his deed to live long after the continents have been buried beneath the mighty waters he had the ambition, the vision, the skill and the courage to flight. This is consoling to the Standard for Lindbergh was more than his ship and even superior to his deed. This is inspiring and hopeful to those who believe that man himself should be the counterpart of the noble deeds which the world acclaims and applauds. The light of his wonderful achievement reflects his own personality as well as the achievement itself.

In quoting from one of the leading journals of the country it was said of Charles A. Lindbergh, that he was "intelligent, industrious, energetic, dependable, purposeful, alert, quick of reaction, serious, deliberate, stable, efficient, frank, modest, congenial, a man of good moral habits and regular in all his business transactions.

It was Charles A. Lindbergh, the man, the aviator, that brought the world at his feet in united praise and put a common song of admiration and love in the hearts of every nation on the face of the earth.

LOCAL NEWS

The enrollment for the first term of the summer school reached 1158. Several were not admitted because of the lack of rooming accommodations.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mabson, Mrs. P. C. Rhambo, and Miss Jack Shanton, Austin citizens, passed by on their way to Galveston for a few days vacation.

Mr. L. S. Follette, 2515 Jefferson street; and Mr. M. A. Carter, both of Houston, accompanied Rev. M. M. Young on his recent visit to the college.

Dr. C. M. Stewart, A.B., will continue his studies in Meharry Medical College next session. He will receive his M. D. degree at the close of the session.

The special school for teachers of vocational agriculture held at the college from June 6 to July 9, inclusive, was enthusiastic from the beginning to the close.

Rev. J. F. White

Reverend Professor J. F. White, Bryan, Texas, who is in attendance of the summer session of the college preached an excellent sermon, it was reported, at Wyatt's Chapel Baptist church, west of the college, to a large audience, Sunday June 26. Among those in the audience were many teachers from the college.

Rev. White took for his text, Matt. 11:30, My yoke is easy, my burden is light. His subject was, God's life size photograph of the sinner.

In his discourse Rev. White described the condition of the sinner's head, eyes, mouth, lips, tongue, throat, hands, feet, bones, mind, thought, etc. He showed that Jesus would forgive and cleanse the sinner from his sins.

Farm and Home Demonstration

The counties throughout Texas are becoming keenly alive to the good that is being done by Negro farm and home demonstration

agents. This fact is being evidenced by the many urgent requests that are being received by State Leader C. H. Waller at Prairie View for the service of Negro agents. These demands are being met just as fast as funds from the State and Federal governments will permit. S. T. Toney, a 1927 graduate from the Department of Agriculture, Prairie View College, has just been appointed to a place as county agent of Nacogdoches County. This is the first time this county has had the service of a Negro agent. Lime-weather was transferred from Caldwell County less than one year ago, is so well pleased with the service of the county agent that they have appropriated the local fund for a colored home demonstration agent.

FARMERS CONGRESS

The annual meeting of the Farmers Congress and Short Course will be held at Prairie View College August 15-16-17. The programs are now in press and will be distributed throughout the state within a few days. The program is to be of diversified interest to farmers, so arranged as to cover some of the most interesting and perplexing problems confronting the Texas farmers. A rate of one cent per mile both ways has been granted over all lines reaching Prairie View.

Travel at this rate will be next to nothing, and a large attendance is expected. Not only farmers, but all in the least interested in farming should take advantage of the rate to attend this meeting, and receive the information that will be given out by experts on farming and home economics.

Miss Diana S. Dent, and Miss Elcena F. Martin, instructors in domestic science, are off to Columbia University where they will enroll in the courses related to their work at Prairie View College.

Miss Doris Reita Novel

Miss Doris Reita Novel, B. Mus., was on program of the Second Annual Convention of Texas Association of Colored Musicians held in Fort Worth, Texas, June 8-12, 1927.

During the Fort Worth session of musicians Miss Novel distinguished herself as a musical artist of the highest rank and received wide recognition and praise from the leading musicians of the State in attendance.

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A Shower

By Miss Esther M. Lane, (Sophomore)

The students of Minor Hall, Section II, complimented with a shower, Wednesday evening June 29, at 8:30 o'clock, Miss Elcena F. Martin who is leaving for New York City, where she will attend Columbia University.

The affair was truly a surprise to the honoree. She had just retired to her room when she heard sweet strains of Victrola music, this she thought was unbelievable at study hour. When opening her door, she was greeted with a thick shower of daisies and the joyous cheers and applause of the students. When the merriment ceased, Miss Fannetta Whitehead, speaking in clear tones, paid just tributes to Miss Martin. As an expression of their feeling, the song "I want to go where you go, Then I'll Be Happy;" was played, after which Miss Martin expressed her sincere appreciation and wished many pleasing things for the students.

The honoree received a very exquisite toilet set and a box of stationery.

The affair was sponsored by Misses Carrie Byrd, Esther M. Lane, Essie B. Hicks, Ruth F. Martin, and others.

Mrs. Lottie V. H. Flournoy

Mrs. Lottie V. H. Flournoy, Chapel Hill, Texas, visited the summer school teachers as a representative of the F. A. Owen Publishing Co.

Mrs. Flournoy was soliciting subscriptions to the Normal Instructor and Primary Plans and had been engaged in the work for six years, she said.

Right Reverend and Mrs. John B. Boyce, archdeacon of the Episcopal church, Diocese of Texas, were visitors at the college.

Prof. W. L. Davis, one of the Principals of Houston schools; Prof. Isles, Jack Walker, and W. H. Tarver, professors in the Prairie View-Wiley extension school, Houston, Texas, were here looking over the college, meeting friends and making acquaintances.

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The Senior College Class

The senior class of the summer session met June 27th to elect officers and transact other business that became necessary; which resulted in the following:

Class Officers

Mr. L. B. Cash, president
Mr. I. Q. Hurdle, vice president
Miss Rosella Herndon, secretary
Mrs. Odessa Shepard Loyd, treasurer
Mr. W. F. Hubert, chaplain
Mr. Phil Watkins, class representative
Mr. S. M. Phillips, reporter
Miss Laberta Miller, assistant reporter
Mr. Elmo Hancey, business manager

Committee on Class Color and Class Motto

Mrs. Odessa Shepard Loyd
Mr. McKinley Blount

Program Committee

Mrs. Mildred Ewing Johnson
Miss Laberta Miller, assisted by the music director

Class Roll

Miss Mae Bell Arrington
Mr. McKinley Blount
Mr. Z. W. Crowell
Miss Ruby Brown
Mrs. H. G. Dickerson
Mr. Elmo Hancey
Miss Henrietta Farrell
Mr. W. F. Hubert
Mrs. J. A. Greene
Mr. Miles McAfee
Miss Laberta Miller
Mr. I. Q. Hurdle
Miss Rosella Herndon
Mrs. Mildred Ewing Johnson
Mr. Larry B. Cask
Mrs. Evelyn Johnson Rucker
Mr. Phil Watkins
Miss Odessa Shepard Loyd
Mr. S. M. Phillips

Mrs. M. E. V. Hunter

Mrs. M. E. V. Hunter, leader in home demonstration work, will visit the following places in pursuance of her home demonstration services: Grimes County encampment, July 14 and 15; Wiley College, July 19 and 20; Harrison County encampment, July 21 and

22; Samuel Huston College, July 25 and 26; and Seguin, July 27, 28 and 29. The object of the encampments is to provide short courses on home and farm problems; to give practical demonstrations, and to develop proper community spirit and activities in rural and urban centers.

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