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2. Be it also Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who "Watches the Sparrow."  
3. Be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy be placed on the record of the Division of Mechanic Arts and a copy be sent to the Prairie View Standard for publication.

Humbly submitted,  
MECHANIC ARTS DIVISION

By: C. L. Wilson, L. E. Fry, Mrs. A. V. Muckleroy and Geo. F. Jones.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I hereby wish to thank the many friends at the college and elsewhere for the aid, sympathy, and encouragement, so graciously rendered, during the recent passing of my husband.

I must say that the interest and devotion manifested in this trying hour shall linger in gratitude and pleasant memories as the years come and go.

Very thankfully,  
(Mrs.) James Jarvis.

#### Summer School

Although the entire state was drenched with rain and in many sections visited by overflows, the attendance upon the Summer School of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College exceeds all expectations. Reports from the Registrar's office show that about 1200 students have enrolled for the summer courses. Dormitories and resident sections of the college were crowded to capacity the second day following the opening on June 2.

To accommodate this increased attendance an additional teaching force has been employed, all seasoned and experienced educators. Among these are the following: Miss Gladys Brown, A. M., San Antonio, Texas; Miss Mattie Jackson, B. S., Kansas City, Missouri; Miss Mary I. Moore, A. B., Fort Valley, Georgia; Mrs. E. E. Ellison, B. S., Houston, Texas; Prof. A. J. Lee, A. M., Tulsa, Oklahoma; Prof. Sidney Reedy, A. M., Jefferson City, Missouri; Prof. N. H. Harris, A. M., Wilberforce, Ohio; Prof. H. G. Dickerson, M. S., Iowa City, Iowa; Prof. H. H. Strong, A. M., Atlanta, Georgia; Prof. T. C. Meyers, A. M., Charlotte, North Carolina; Miss Goldie E. Mitchell, B. S., Fort Scott, Kansas; Prof. Robert Alston, A. M., Charlotte, North Carolina; Prof. C. L. Banks, A. B., Houston, Texas; Prof. Q. B. Mitchell, A. M., San Antonio, Texas; Prof. Riley Jackson, A. B., Waco, Texas; Miss Ruth Gillum, M. Mus., Lawrence, Kansas.

#### Mr. J. A. Beauchamp

Mr. Beauchamp is a graduate of Prairie View State College and formerly taught school in Port Arthur and Jacksonville.

Mr. Beauchamp organized the first Boy Scout troop for Negroes in Texas and is now the First

Assistant to the National Director of Interracial Activities of Boy Scouts of America with headquarters at New York City. He is at Prairie View forming and shaping the Boy Scout movement at the College with Lieutenant Will C. Evans, dean of men.

#### Conference of Supervisors and Teacher Trainers at Prairie View State College

A conference of state supervisors and Colored teacher trainers was held at the college from May 27 to May 31 under the direction of Mr. H. O. Sargent, federal agent, agricultural education service.

The conference was represented by supervisors and teacher trainers of vocational agriculture, white and Colored, from the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas.

Each state by representatives outlined and discussed its plans for Negro education and showed the handicaps as well as the advantages which confronted them in obtaining their objectives. One state after another reported conditions, and it was plainly evident that a definite policy with respect to Negro education had been reached in each state and that this policy was constructive and progressive. This policy comprehended not only a closer watch on the work in general but a higher grade of supervisors and vocational teachers.

#### Summer School Enrollment

According to reports from U. E. Glass, registrar, the enrollment of the Summer School of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College has reached 1200.

Owing to high waters and overflows in various sections of the state the attendance has been somewhat retarded but there is every reason to believe that the attendance will reach 1500.

The capacity of the college for housing the attendance of the Summer School has been overcrowded. Hundreds were compelled to find quarters in the resident sections or in Hempstead and Waller about six miles away.

The first lecturer for the Summer School was Dean D. C. Dutton, Ph.D., Director of Extension, University of Oklahoma, who delivered nine lectures on patriotic, social and educational questions.

#### MISS M. D. MUCKLEROY

News reached the Standard of the passing of Miss M. D. Muckleroy at Texarkana, Texas.

Miss Muckleroy was born and reared at Nash, Texas, and was a graduate of Prairie View State College. She taught school at Bernice, Louisiana, and in Cass and Bowie counties, and was teaching at DeKalb, Texas at the time of her passing.

Miss Muckleroy was a member of the New Hope C. M. E. Church at which obsequies were conducted by Rev. L. W. Whitmore, the pastor.

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#### PRAIRIE VIEW COLLEGE CLOSES AN EVENTFUL YEAR PRINCIPAL W. R. BANKS CONGRATULATED ON INAUGURATION

Prairie View, Texas.—A unique and colorful year freighted with great achievements has just closed at Prairie View State College. On May twentieth at forenoon the institution celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. A program of deep significance was prosecuted. One of the main features was the address delivered by the Honorable R. D. Evans of Waco in which he made an impassioned and impressive plea for fair play and justice for the Negro in Texas, having so eloquently marshaled fact after fact to show the progress of the race along educational and economic lines. The noted attorney put up a masterful defense of the notion set forth by Mr. O. P. DeWalt, president of the ex-student association, that the state of Texas owes it to her black citizens to build a university at Prairie View where professional and advanced training might be received. Dr. Frederick Eby, Director of the School of Education of the University of Texas paid a high compliment to the work of the institution, and expressed confidence that Texas will do much in the future to aid in the Education of colored folk. The audience was heartened over the sincere and rather delightful remarks of Mr. F. M. Law, president of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College who strengthened Lawyer Evans' speech to the effect that the race should make known its educational needs more frankly, and that a spirit of co-operation or team work was very much needed to bring about the desired effect. Cheers greeted him as he evidenced his support in unequivocal terms. Principal W. F. Banks was warmly praised for efficient administration of the college.

In the afternoon at three, exercises of the inauguration of Principal W. R. Banks and the fiftieth commencement were held jointly. The Presentation address was given by Mr. H. C. Schumacher, chairman of the Prairie View Committee of the Board of Directors. Mr. Schumacher paid a splendid tribute to the work of the principal and bespoke a great future for the college under the administration of this leader. The inaugural address of the principal set forth in forceful and terse style the extraordinary achievements of Prairie View during a half century under the several heads of the college, pointing out the hardships and trials through which these leaders passed in order to lay the foundation of the present Prairie View College. He evinced a sober optimism over the future of the institution and the race in Texas. Prairie View has furnished over seventy-five percent of all the public school teachers in Texas. Over 3000 students attend the school during the two sessions, and the physical plant at conservative estimate amounts to over two million dollars.

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As shown by delegates, telegrams and letters, Principal W. R. Banks was congratulated by the country at large upon his formal inauguration as principal of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, May 20, 1929.

The following institutions were represented by delegates: Meharry Medical College, Dr. William A. Hammond; Lincoln University, Dean Harry W. Greene; Atlanta University, Mr. C. H. M. Furlow; American Woodmen, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Robinson; Straight College, Mr. C. H. McGruder; Conroe N. and I. College, President W. A. Johnson; Fort Worth Prairie View Club, Mr. Maceo Johnson; Pine Bluff A. and M. College, President J. B. Watson; Shaw University, Prof. Earl L. Sasser; The Houston Informer, Mr. C. F. Richardson; Fisk University, Prof. E. O. Smith.

Nearly every college and institution among our group in the United States sent letters of hearty congratulations to Principal W. R. Banks, testifying to his preeminence as an educator and of the possibilities of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College becoming the chief factor for Negro Education in the South.

#### DR. D. C. DUTTON

Beginning June 3 and concluding June 9, Dean D. C. Dutton, Ph. D., director of extension, University of Oklahoma, delivered nine lectures to the Summer School.

The lectures by Dean Dutton were patriotic and educational and were received by the college and the teachers attending the Summer School with profound enthusiasm.

Dean Dutton is one of the ablest orators and educators in public life and the college and our group in Texas have been unusually stimulated and helped by his enlightening discourses.

#### MR. J. P. BROWN

Mr. J. P. Brown for several years in the employ of the college is making a good record as representative of the National Benefit Life Insurance Company since his resignation from his position at the College Exchange.

In talking with Mrs. James T. Jarvis, reports were confirmed by her that Mr. J. P. Brown rendered acceptable service in making settlement of the insurance policy of \$1000 as a result of the recent passing of her husband.

The Standard has known Mr. J. P. Brown for several years and has full confidence in him as a man as well as in business.

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W. Rutherford Banks .....Principal  
Napoleon B. Edward.....Executive Secretary

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### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The life of the future Church is wrapped up in the Sunday School. Unless we keep alive the Sunday School, make it an integral factor which will grow into the Church proper, our Church must pass out of existence. Other factors or elements of Church Unity are essential, but none more vital to the Church of tomorrow than the Sunday School. We must make a tremendous sacrifice if necessary, but by all means do our duty to our Maker thru this organization, "The Sunday School."

The Sunday School looks to the Church for sympathy, support and supervision.

(1) The Church should be in sympathy with the Sunday School, take an interest in it; appreciate its work and recognize its needs.

(2) The Church should be a moral support to this department, enabling it to rest upon its regard and in its confidence. It should supply the means of carrying forward the Sunday School.

(3) The Church which sympathizes with and supports its Sunday School, naturally bears its burdens, furnishes its workers and has an affectionate interest in it. It will then find its authority respected and its wholesome discipline regarded.

The Sunday School should teach in harmony with the standards of the Church—the teaching should accord with that given from the pulpit and at all times support the doctrinal platform of the Church in harmony and principle.

The power of the Church is in its living members and should be constantly built up thru the Sunday School.

The co-operation of the Sunday School with all parts of the mother Church is desirable. The members of the department should attend all Church activities, including its benevolences. This organization must harmonize and co-operate for the sake of Church Unity.

The Sunday School must be organized if it would function properly. It must find in the Church a strong Christian for its Superintendent; earnest devoted Christian members to teach its youth. There is no better development of the Christian character than that which comes to the Sunday School worker. He is strengthened in character as he is brought into the activities of study and teaching. Only Christians can properly teach the "Word of Life" and these are in the Churches.

As the Church needs the Sunday School for the completeness of its being so the Sunday School needs the Church even as a child needs the parent; the Sunday School the child, the Church the parent. The School the branch, the Church the Tree. Let us build up souls in Christ thru the spiritual completeness of our Church and Sunday School.

A Sunday School Worker.

### Prairie View Offers First Scoutmasters Course For Colored West of the Mississippi

The National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, New York City, through its staff members, Mr. Stanley A. Harris, National Director of Inter-Racial Activities, and Mr. J. A. Beauchamp, First Assistant, is sponsoring a course for colored scoutmasters between the dates June 3 and July 5th. All male members of the Summer School are eligible for the course. The purpose of the course is to study the latest methods in the scientific approach and solution to the problem incident to the development of boys in city and rural communities. It should be recalled that an extensive plan in scouting has not been available to the colored men of the south in great numbers prior to 18 months ago. The ideals of scouting are: loyalty, character development, and the development of citizenship being stressed especially. This movement involves youth development and training in 51 or more civilized nations. There are more than a million white boy scouts in America and less than 13,000 colored. All conscientious laymen, social workers, teachers, and ministers who are interested in rendering a real service to the personnel of their communities should by all means make an effort to attend this course. The course is free with the exception of the purchase of a few books.

Persons attending the Prairie View Summer School should arrange for a conference on this matter, shortly after entering upon the campus, with the Dean of Men, who is Scoutmaster. Credit is given in the college for the work.

W. H. Evans, Dean of Men.

### THE PRINCIPAL ATTENDS EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Principal W. R. Banks attended the Educational Symposium recently held in Dallas, Texas, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

Educators and leaders in our group from all sections of the country attended the symposium, it was reported.

### PRAIRIE VIEW CLOSES—

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Seventy-eight young men and women were graduated with Bachelor degree. Five: Ernestine Archer, Madge Z. Chatman, Matilda E. H. Jones, Jesse J. Mark, Iris Simmons, were awarded their degree Magna Cum Laude. Imogene Ford and Henry Ellison received the award of Cum Laude. Fifteen students received the Alpha Pi Mu key for highest scholarship and twenty prizes were given for excellence in scholarship, Literary, Dramatic performance, and industrial arts. The summer session began June third. The Registrar's office reports that 1500 students will attend.

### PROF. R. B. ATWOOD ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE

Prof. R. B. Atwood for several years Director of the Division of Agriculture at the college has accepted the presidency of the Kentucky State College for Negroes and will soon take charge of that institution to prepare for the session beginning this fall.

The Standard has been informed that Prof. Atwood was unanimously elected to the presidency of the Kentucky college and will enter upon the discharge of his duties with the greatest opportunity and the strongest support.

The college as a whole wishes Prof. Atwood Well at his post in Kentucky.

The school of agriculture of Prairie View State College has been appreciably strengthened during the incumbency of Prof. Atwood as director. The graduates of this school have been admitted to graduate study in the leading universities of the country and are giving general satisfaction in public life.

### TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COURSES

By J. J. Abernethy, Director

Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College offers excellent opportunities and advantages in the trade and industrial courses in Mechanic Arts.

The growing demand for well-trained tradesmen has led to the establishment of well outlined and carefully planned courses which are administered by teachers of advanced training and experience. The building trades are now demanding skilled workmen faster than the schools and colleges can produce them and to facilitate this type of training we are offering such courses as Practical Carpentry, Practical Plumbing and Steam-fitting, Brick Masonry and Concrete Work, Cabinet Making and Carpentry, Repair Work and related subjects such as blue print reading, science, drawing, Mathematics and trade English.

The need for this type of training, that is, in building trades and industries, has become so urgent until the Federal Board for Vocational Education recognizes same and co-operates with the State Board for Vocational Education in assisting to finance such courses under the Smith-Hughes Act. At present, the following classes at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College are subsidized by Federal funds: Auto Mechanics; Brick Laying, Concrete Work and Plastering; Practical Carpentry and Construction Work; Tailoring and Garment Making.

The excellent advantage offered at Prairie View for actual practice work in any trade or industry is due to the fact that the Mechanic Arts Division has charge of all improvements, repairs, construction and other productive work, for instance, all brooms and mattresses used by the institution are made by the students in Broom and Mattress Trade work; all laundering for the institution is done by students in Laundry, Cleaning and Pressing trade work; all shoemaking and shoe repairing for the institution is done by students in shoe making trade work; all printing, job work and bindery, is done by students in Printing and Linotype Operation.

In order to measure up to the high standards of efficiency now required by trades and industries through-

out the country and to meet the growing competition of skilled workers the trade courses in Mechanic Arts are designed to give such training and practice, so as to come up to these requirements.

### M. E. DEGREE CONFERRED UPON PROFESSOR C. L. WILSON

After three years of approved service since his graduation at the Kansas State Agricultural College, Prof. C. L. Wilson, associate professor of Mechanic Arts at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, has again been honored by his Kansas Alma Mater.

At the commencement exercises held May 29, the college at Manhattan, Kansas, conferred upon Prof. C. L. Wilson the degree of Mechanical Engineer. There were thirty-four others who received honors along with Prof. Wilson, three receiving the professional degree and thirty-one awarded the master's degree.

The Standard is informed that the chairman of the graduate council stated that the thesis submitted by Prof. Wilson was the best of them all.

The M. E. degree conferred upon Prof. Wilson is an advanced degree for engineers and ranks along with the master's degree.

### MR. WILLIAM COLLIER

Whereas, on Friday, May 10, 1929 He who holds and directs the destiny of all mankind saw fit to call Mr. William Collier of Victoria, Texas, a former employee of Prairie View State College, from labor to reward, and

Whereas, in the death of this lovable character we realize that the community has lost a christian gentleman and a staunch citizen, the immediate family a devoted husband and father, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the faculty and employees of Prairie View State College, in bowing in humble submission to Him who doeth all things for the best, extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy and, be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the bereaved family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Prairie View Faculty, and a copy be furnished the Prairie View Standard for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Buchanan  
E. B. Evans  
M. E. Suarez

### MR. JAMES T. JARVIS

Whereas, In the midst of life there is death and Whereas, In the wise providence of the Almighty He has seen fit to call our friend and co-worker, Mr. James T. Jarvis from labor to reward and

Whereas, Mr. Jarvis' life among us has been an open book and a living example as a noble husband and a faithful friend, and

Whereas, His efforts in the discharge of his duty is worthy of emulation;

1. Be it Resolved, That we extend to the relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.