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PRAIRIE VIEW PANTHERS

1937 Football Schedule

Sept. 25, Samuel Huston College—Here
 Oct. 2, Texas College—Tyler
 Oct. 9, Arkansas State College—Here
 Oct. 18, Wiley College—Dallas
 Oct. 23, Tillotson College—Austin
 Oct. 30, Open
 Nov. 6, Xavier University—New Orleans
 Nov. 11, Bishop College—Here
 (Home Coming)
 Nov. 20, Langston University—Here
 Nov. 25, Southern Univ.—Baton Rouge
 Dec. 18, Tuskegee Institute—Tuskegee
 Jan. 1, Florida A. & M.—Houston

SAMUEL HUSTON DEFEATED

Samuel Huston was merely a tickler for the Panthers in their initial bout September 25. At no time was the outcome in doubt. Col. Sam Taylor tried out nearly the whole of his pigskin battery against the visitors, giving all them a taste of the victory. The victory was 46-0 for the Panthers.

However, it is not safe for present Prophets to predict what will happen on down the road. There are Texas College, Bishop and Wiley, big aces of the gridiron yet to face. But there is optimism and full confidence budding out everywhere and the Panthers are in for the pennant at the final round-up.

PROF. ROGER GIVENS MAKES GOOD RECORD

Box 421
 Jefferson, Texas
 September 20, 1937

Prof. L. A. Potts
 Prairie View College
 Prairie View, Texas

Dear Prof. Potts:

I received your inspiring letter Friday evening. You gave me a better working spirit to start this school year with. I am sure that it will be surprising to know that I won Julius Rosenwald's first prize for campus improvement and beautification (statewide). Pass the news to Professor Waller, Dr. Evans, Professor Smith, Coach Taylor, Principal Banks, and others who might be interested.

As ever,
 Your Boy Givens.

Roger Givens (Signed)

Prof. Roger Givens was educated at Prairie View State College. He is making a good record. The college is proud of him because of his achievements indicated above.

A sound discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake as by never repeating one. —Bovee.

PRAIRIE VIEW HOST TO N. F. A. NATIONAL CONVENTION

By F. A. Jackson

More than 350 delegates representing vocational agricultural interests in fourteen states of the Union were gathered here August 29 to September 3 for the Third Annual National Convention of the New Farmers of America (NFA) and the Regional Conference of State Supervisors and Negro Teacher-Trainers.

From practically every part of the Southern region and including the States of New Jersey and Delaware, Negro Vocational Agricultural students, representing the New Farmers of America, Negro State Supervisors and Teacher-Trainers together with Federal and State Supervisors, came to participate in the six-day program.

Activities of the N. F. A. included agricultural judging contests, public speaking and conferring the Superior Degree on members having done outstanding work in the field of Agriculture. A well-balanced social program sponsored by the Prairie View College Department of Agriculture, L. A. Potts, Director, and C. H. Banks, Teacher-Trainer, rounded out the week of activity.

The judging team from the State of Tennessee with a total score of 1,462 copied honors in the judging contest. The Virginia team with a score of 1,439 and the Texas team with a score of 1,416, shared second and third honors respectively.

A. Westbrook of Tennessee with an individual score of 505, Charles Bond of Tennessee with a score of 501, and James Palmer of Delaware with a score of 499, finished first, second and third as individual high scores.

J. C. Crawford, N. F. A. delegate from High School Department of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School, Fort Valley, Georgia, literally romped off with the speaking contest honors holding spell-bound some 750 persons as he presented his dissertation on "The Share-cropping System." Ferdinand Holmes, Tennessee, "A New Farm Policy" and John Austin, Louisiana, "Better Agriculture," ranked second and third respectively.

Although social activities included a 50-mile trip to the Texas A. & M. College, an old fashioned pit-barbecue dinner, a movie, "The Life of Louis Pasteur," and pilgrimage about the campus, nothing thrilled the delegation more than the real Texas rodeo where Negro cowboys displayed their skill at bareback, wild steer riding, bronco busting, bull dogging, wild steer and calf roping held at Nichols Ranch twenty miles from the campus.

The following officers were elected to conduct affairs of the 1938 Convention: E. Porter, Tennessee, President; McCoy

TEXAS NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION

To the following Officers and Committeemen of the Texas Negro Press Association:

1. President: Napoleon B. Edward, Editor Prairie View, Standard.
2. Vice President: Phil. R. Register, Editor Fort Worth Eagle Eye.
3. Secretary: W. L. Davis, Editor Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Messenger.
4. Assistant Secretary: W. M. Collins, Editor Schulenburg H. S. News.
5. Executive Committeeman: J. H. Owens, Editor Dallas Gazette.
6. Executive Committeeman: L. J. Rhone, Editor Waco Messenger.
7. Executive Committeeman R. L. Melton, Editor Fort Worth Mind.
8. Attorney: Mason Smith, Associate Editor Waco Messenger.
9. Statistician: C. C. Tedford, Director B. T. Washington High School News.
10. Parliamentarian: Mrs. R. B. Hampton, Co-Editor Texas Methodist Magazine.
11. Corresponding Sect. Miss Ruth Harraway, Feature Writer.

GREETINGS! GREETINGS!

You are hereby called to meet at the Moorland Branch Y. M. C. A., 2700 Flora Street, Dallas, Texas, Saturday evening, October 16, 1937, at 3 o'clock to formulate our annual program and to consider (a) memberships, (b) vacancies, (c) finance and (d) affiliations. Come and be prepared to assist in the solution of questions submitted.

Most respectfully,
 Napoleon B. Edward
 President

HARNESSES

Caldwell County: Method demonstrations were given to Negro farmers on harness making, which was witnessed by sixty-two persons, twelve of whom participated in same. Demonstrations were also given on making blind bridles, cow halters, calf halters, mule halters and lines. Caldwell County won fourth place in harness making.—Extension Service

Hunter, Virginia, First Vice President; Lester Elbert, Florida, Second Vice President; V. Clark, Texas, Third Vice President; Paul Counter, Oklahoma, Treasurer; E. Livingston, New Jersey, Reporter; and C. H. Banks, Texas, Advisor and S. B. Simmons, North Carolina, National Executive Secretary.

The Convention chose the Georgia State College, Savannah, Georgia, as the place for the 1938 Convention and was unanimous in its praise of the Prairie View College Committee for the success of the 1937 Convention.

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Renovation Of Mind For A State College Begins
World In Transition
Regular Session

An Address to the Class of '37
 By Prof. R. P. Perry, M. S.

(Continued from last issue)

There was a great era of upheaval and change after the American and French revolutions, and in this era the right of human beings to rule themselves was established. Running under this political change, there was the great transition from handwork to machine work, and this created the system under which we live today. What the present crisis will lead to is largely a guess.

In a way, our crisis combines all the others. Instead of Europe being more or less one society, we see three ways of living, deadlocked for victory: Communism, Fascism, and Democracy. That is like the breakup of Rome. Established authority has broken down and bold spirits are making unheard-of experiments. They are making artificial weather, defeating old age and disease through medical science, harnessing the energy of the tides and the sun, constructing towering buildings, annihilating space and time, producing food and clothing in test tubes, isolating and characterizing elements never before seen by man, making experiments in government more perilous than any the Renaissance undertook.

The dispossessed masses in many countries rise against the powerful, as the middle classes rose after the French Revolution. And electric power has altered our social machinery more radically than steam did when the Industrial Revolution came. So all political, social, personal, and technical elements have now combined to create our crisis.

It is world-wide because today Peiping sells silk to Houston and the price of cotton in Waller County depends upon crop conditions in Argentina. And again for the first time in history, hundreds of millions of people can be informed enough to decide for themselves how they are going to live.

In the midst of the transition which has been largely political and mechanical man—the great masses—has been left behind. We are challenged today by the problem of keeping our social progress on a par with our scientific progress. There is no doubt that environment exerts its influence on human actions. Through his nervous system man records the stimuli impinging upon him from his environment. His organs and muscles supply the appro-

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State College Begins
Regular Session

OFFERS GRADUATE WORK

By Napoleon B. Edward

The State College under the Principalship of Dr. W. R. Banks has cleared the desks for the regular session and the ship of collegians has embarked on a nine months' voyage. Entrance examinations, registrations and classifications have been completed, and students have begun assignments under more favorable auspices than perhaps any time in the past.

Not only will five divisions offer courses leading to bachelor degrees, but for the first time Prairie View State College is offering graduate courses leading to master degrees. Obviously, it is no longer imperative for students seeking advanced training in these fields to leave the state.

More and more Prairie View State College is meeting the needs of its constituency in a useful and practical way. This program has been augmented and promoted through the insistence and promotion of Principal W. R. Banks who repeatedly declares that the college shall function in the lives and activities of the people. Speaking before the Cabinet and faculty in a preliminary meeting, outlining the plans and objectives of the college, the Principal among other things said "our colleges must aid the people, making feasible contributions to their lives and services." In the past there has been little relation between college courses and actual life. We are getting more education and poorer and poorer each day. Our education has been mainly traditional. There must be a functional program for Negroes."

Emphasizing the objectives of the college, Principal Banks declared that Prairie View is destined to develop a system of education adequately meeting the needs of our people. Prairie View must find and chart the way. We must do something other than simply thinking in a straight line. We must work as well as think our way out in life situations. Our courses must reach out and help the people. Human needs must be our objectives. To this end, we must have here able men and women, able teachers with both vision and character. Then will students from all sections of our country be drawn to our institution for study and preparation for life's work.

Nat'l Negro Business League Revived

Although the National Negro Business League has somewhat declined in both interest and influence during the past few years, it appears to be the almost unanimous opinion of those who attended the recent sessions just terminated here that the organization is definitely destined to regain its rightful interest and influence in our economic life.

Many helpful suggestions and experiences were disclosed before the conference by some of our best and most successful business leaders from all sections of our great nation. From the contents of the speeches it seems the common opinion of the speakers that we as a group must give more attention to our economic and business development if we are to accomplish the recognition and due respect of the white group.

It was very timely brought out by one of the speakers that our educational institutions should give more emphasis to business in the curriculum in order that more graduates will be encouraged to enter business instead of the teaching profession which is by far over crowded, resulting in a gradual decline of the salary scale because of the over supply.

That the League did not stop only with ways and means of establishing more businesses within the race but included discussion of employment by white businesses already operating in colored neighborhoods is significant. No doubt the success which the Housewives' Leagues, auxiliaries of the national body, have met in Detroit, Chicago and New York as told to the conference was impressive to many who will go back to their homes and inaugurate similar programs as a means of securing employment for the race which has far more than its proportionate share among the unemployed.

Mr. Blayton and others who are responsible for the League's coming to Atlanta are due much credit for their efforts spent. Not only has Atlanta benefited but all those who attended well spent their time. No little credit is due Dr. Moton, President Patterson and Mr. Holsey of Tuskegee for keeping the organization alive. The election of Dr. Moton as president emeritus is due recognition and appreciation. And the election of President C. C. Spaulding as head of the organization almost assures its continued growth in influence and service as well. Mr. Spaulding is due full cooperation in carrying on

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DR. W. H. HIGHTOWER PREACHES OPENING SERMON AT PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE

The initial sermon of the session at Prairie View State College was preached Sunday morning, September 19, by Dr. W. H. Hightower, pastor of Mount Vernon Methodist Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas. He was introduced by Reverend Lee C. Phillip, college chaplain.

Dr. Hightower selected his text from St. John 4:11, using for his subject, "Means of Contact." He spoke for one hour immediately after the following program was rendered:

1. Organ Prelude, Professor O. A. Fuller
2. Call to Worship
3. Hymn—Holy, Holy, Holy.—Choir
4. Scripture, Reverend Lee C. Phillip
5. Response
6. Hymn—My Faith Looks Up to Thee—Choir
7. Offertory
8. Offertory Chant
9. Voice—"It Is Enough,"—Mendelssohn (From "Elijah") — Edison Anderson

In beginning his sermon, Dr. Hightower painted a vivid picture of Jacob's well and the scene out of which was woven his morning discourse. "Jacob's well," said he, "furnished water to the people for miles around. Probably Jesus came to see Jacob's well and to preach to the people who came there." He related the conversation between Jesus and the woman at the well, quoting the woman as implying that Jesus could not obtain water since he had nothing with which to draw.

"The sources of supplies, both spiritual and physical are here," Dr. Hightower said, "but unless we have technical powers to draw them to us, our needs will not be supplied. God's resources are here in abundance; but we perish without some-

RECORDER OF DEEDS SPEAKS AT PRAIRIE VIEW; PRAISES F. D. R. ADMINISTRATION

Dr. W. J. Thompkins, recorder of deeds, Washington, D. C., was given an ovation as he addressed students and teachers of Prairie View State College during his recent engagements in Texas.

As Dr. Thompkins entered the auditorium, accompanied by Principal W. R. Banks, the audience arose in mass and greeted him. In brief speech, Principal Banks presented Dr. Edward B. Evans, who introduced the distinguished guest.

Dr. Thompkins told the story of his life, his entry into politics and his services as recorder of deeds. He strongly advocated the administration of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and extolled the virtues of leadership and fair play in public as well as in private life. He commended the college under the administration of Principal W. R. Banks, saying the Principal was regarded as one of the outstanding educators of the country.

Dr. Thompkins said he had always been a democrat and was the mascot of the democratic party in Jefferson City, Missouri, when he was eight years old, and claimed that Thomas Jefferson was among the first abolitionists in America.

Admonishing the students, Dr. Thompkins said it had been charged that Negroes were not loyal and faithful. "We must learn to take one side or the other and go down with it," said he. "Make your word good, be responsible and keep your promises whenever made. Loyalty is to go up or down with your friend. That is character and leadership."

Dr. Thompkins commended the progress the race has made since emancipation and said he was grateful to the white people of this country for the assistance they have given the race in its progress.

In speaking more particularly of the Roosevelt administration, Dr. Thompkins said more Negroes have been appointed to high positions in the federal government than at any time in the past history of the republic. Negroes have been appointed in all phases of the government. Never before have we received such recognition and help.

In closing the distinguished statesman made an earnest plea that the race will not forget the services rendered, the recognition given, and the progress they have made under the administration of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

thing to draw."

Through the whole of his sermon Dr. Hightower emphasized the necessity of preparing for life's battles, urging the students to embrace the spirit of Christ and render a service spiritual no less than physical for the good of mankind everywhere.

FALL SESSION BEGINS AT STATE COLLEGE

Prairie View State College formally began the fall session by opening the doors for entrance examinations September 14 and 15, and general registration September 16. Members of the faculty away on vacation have returned to their posts. Applications indicate the enrollment will be considerably increased.

On arriving at Prairie View, students observed many improvements that have been made since last session.

The highway extending from Prairie View Station to the college, under construction is being rapidly completed and will, no doubt, be open to general traffic and travel before the close of the month.

The new gymnasium-auditorium has been located on southwest campus and plans are drawn for immediate construction. The building will have a seating capacity of 1200 as a gymnasium and 2200 when used as an auditorium. A regulation size basket ball court and a modernly equipped stage will be provided. Dressing rooms for both men and women along with other gymnastic facilities will be supplied.

Teachers' new cottages are being erected, and new telephone lines running from Houston along the Prairie View highway are being installed, making direct connection with the college.

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Teachers of Texas Schools,
Dear Co-workers:

We are hereby requesting all colored schools to enroll immediately in the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools. Early enrollment gives the pupils more time to prepare for the various literary and athletic contests. Schools enrolling must send their membership fees direct to my address and secure free copies of the usual supplies:

1. Class AA, Senior accredited high schools\$5.00
2. Class A, schools having an enrollment of 400 or more pupils.....4.00
3. Class B, schools having an enrollment not less than 150 nor more than 399 pupils3.00
4. Class C, schools having more than one teacher and an enrollment not more than 149 pupils2.00
5. Class D, schools having only one teacher1.00

Very respectfully,
W. R. Banks,
State Executive Secretary,
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

RENOVATION OF MIND FOR A WORLD IN TRANSITION

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appropriate answer. He struggles for existence with his mind still more than with his body. In this ceaseless fight, his heart, lungs, liver, and endocrine glands are as indispensable as his muscles, hands, tools, machines, and weapons. Each state of consciousness has a corresponding organic expression. Thus, envy, hate, fear, when these sentiments are habitual, are capable of starting organic changes. Moral suffering profoundly disturbs health. Business and professional men who do not know how to adjust themselves to economic changes and who do not know how to fight the ravages of worry generally die at a rather young age. The old physicians and clinicians thought that protracted sorrows and constant anxiety prepare the way for development of cancer. There is no doubt that thought can generate organic lesions. The instability of modern life, the ceaseless agitation, and the lack of security create states of consciousness which bring about nervous and organic disorders of the stomach, defective nutrition, probably increased basal metabolism, and passage of intestinal microbes into the circulatory apparatus. Certain states report that the multitude of the insane confined in the asylums and psychopathic hospitals exceeds that of patients kept in all other hospitals. Further, you have only to refer to your newspapers and count the number of daily suicides. Like insanity, nervous disorders and intellectual weakness seem to have become more frequent. They are the most active factors of individual misery and of the destruction of families. Mental deterioration is more dangerous for civilization than the infectious diseases to which physicians have devoted their attention.

In view of the foregoing observations it is clear that a radical change in man's spiritual and intellectual life is indispensable. Man must now turn his attention to the cause of his moral and intellectual disability. What is the good of increasing the comfort, the luxury, the beauty, the size, and the complications of our civilization, if our weakness prevents us from guiding it to our best advantage? What progress was made when the China Clipper and the von Hindenburg shortened the traveling time to China and to Europe? There can be no real advantage unless man's mental, spiritual or social progress can be placed as nearly as possible on par with scientific progress and engineering successes. Institutions and systems of living are not immortal. They rise and fall in periodic rhythm—expressive of the growing power of man's ever inventive spirit, and obedient to the dictates of destiny. And minds must be renovated to fit secure-

ly into and meet the demands of such new social orders. Institutions of learning must modify their curriculums in order that individuals may be adequately trained to operate efficiently in the present and meet the demands of systems beyond the contemporary scene. The institutions of learning must be viewed as places where the horizons of the mind are broadened and the life of the soul strengthened and enriched; where capacity for experience is measurably enlarged; and where one may learn something of the fine art of living through the study of life's essential problems. Here individuals will be invited to think—to think with freedom and independence—to think straight if possible, but to think always. It means simply that as a result of their own thinking individuals should learn to choose for themselves what thought they will make their own.

Thus the major emphasis will be placed upon the meaning of things rather than upon their factual content; upon attitudes of mind rather than upon detailed information; upon creative thought rather than upon traditional conventions; upon synthesis rather than upon analysis; upon thinking rather than upon memorizing; upon human values rather than upon material things; upon the art of living rather than upon the technology of making a living. And this is the mechanism of spiritual and mental renovation, and resulting from this operation we shall have certitude instead of confusion. Instead of despair we shall have courage and glorious hopes. The more we see the old forms tumble to ruin before our eyes, the more we shall rejoice in the opportunity thus given to us for building new and better forms in their place.

VOCATIONAL TEACHERS ELECT OFFICERS

The National Association of Vocational Teachers in their meeting at Prairie View State College September the second and third elected, according to reports, Prof. F. C. Turner, Jonesboro, Arkansas, president; and Prof. Harvey L. Taylor, Dover, Delaware, secretary.

The next meeting will be held in Savannah, Georgia, it was reported.

HOME TANNING AND LEATHER MAKING CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED IN HARRIS COUNTY

Three communities plan to organize a Home Tanning and Leather Making Club. This is a result of the interest that has been manifested at demonstrations of harness making. A complete set of harness was cut and made from two cow hides that were tanned by the agent—Extension Service.

THE BUSINESS LEAGUE REVIVED

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an organization which is almost indispensable to our real progress. —World.

No one could have sat in the sessions of the National Negro Business League in Atlanta without noting the emphatic trend for more business and business enterprises among Negroes. Fundamentally and with lofty understanding, men of affairs high in the council of the nation were in accord that business was in the main the solution of the problem of employment among our group.

Business is the basis of employment, it was declared. Without business in one's own right, one cannot have jobs to offer. It goes without saying, therefore, that if any people will have jobs, employment for the needy masses, they must possess business establishments, large and small, to utilize the splendid talents ushering each year from our colleges and universities, as well as those coming up from the humblest walks of life. Time and again, Negro capitalists attending the business league emphasized the necessity of schools and colleges as well as other leading agencies linking up in a helpful manner with business ventures among the race.

The Standard does not hesitate to emphasize that Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College is one institution thoroughly abreast of the needs of the people whom it serves. No only that, the college in a practical way is integrating its services with actual life situations and conditions in the state. This philosophy and useful service has been promoted and steadily advanced in Texas through the able leadership and espousal of Principal W. R. Banks. The Standard believes it is only fair to say that more and more his educational statesmanship is bringing appreciable returns to all classes of our people.

LOCAL MEMBERS OF TEXAS NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION

- (a) Prof. J. J. Abernethy, Director.
- (b) Prof. G. C. Bell, Professor of Printing.
- (d) Prof. Jerry Martin, Associate Professor of Printing.
- (e) Napoleon B. Edward, Editor.

Harrison County: Sixty-six farmers received instruction on ginning cotton under the supervision of F. D. Roland, County Agent. They were advised not to pick it too wet as it lessens the value of cotton. Their cotton is drawing \$10.00 more per bale on the present market.—Ext. Service