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**APPLICANTS FOR GRADUATION AT
THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM
Division of Arts and Sciences**

Adams, Eva Mae
Adams, Ida Lee (Walt)
Allen, Clarice Ethel
Allen, Mosco
Ambrister, Lizzie B.
Ammons, Olivia M. (Seay)
Baldwin, Victoria T. P.
Blanks, G. E. P.
Boyce, Nellie Ruth
Clay, Samuel
Davis, Luella
Edwards, Jimmie Dee
Green, Doris Eulaia
Hall, Roberta Eva
Harris, Lizzie B. Wright
Harrison, Daisy L.
Hebert, Idaho
Hendricks, Ella Ruth
Hilliard, Nellie E. G.
Hoyt, Willie Vivian
Hutchins, Josephine
Kemp, Effie Sanders
Langrum, Mabel P.
Lee, Roger Warden
Lofton, Pearl Connor
McDaniel, Clarence
McGowen, Mabel Young
Maok, Richard M.
Maple, Louise M. Prudhomme
Matthews, Mattie Lucille
Middleton, Horatio M., Jr.
Minkens, Georgia R.
Myers, W. B.
Northcutt, Arnitta Howell
Pannell, Orvella T.
Parker, Lillie J.
Peaugh, Nettie Mae
Perry, Flora
Phillips, Jody Donley
Powe, Etta Lee
Rhinehart, Thelma B.
Richardson, Leon
Roberts, Annie Mae
Samuel, Ruby L. Whiting
Sayles, Jennie A.
Smith, Gertrude B. Starnes
Tankersley, Coleta McGowan
Tatum, Fredonia Denham
Tatum, Nellie V. Lanier
Taylor, Ethel Turner
Thomas, Timmie Davis
Thompson, Lucy Mae Jim
Turner, Rubye Lee Y.
Wells, Roxie Doris
Wilson, Rosa V. H.
Woods, Cordelia

Division of Home Economics
Clark, Alice McCoy
Coleman, Florence C. Whiting
Curtis, Mayme Louise
DeShay, Mattie Rob Russell
Francis, Reba B.
Jackson, Bernice Luper
Rand, Anna Belle
Robinson, Dorothy G. (Redus)
Sanders, Elizabeth Bessie

Scott, Erma
Taylor, Anna Garotha
Taylor, Eva M.
Kennedy, Picola
Lee, Alice Lucille
Lewis, Millie Demby
McClellan, Julia D.
Polk, Velma Merrill
Powell, Myrtle E.
Taylor, Rosetta Jackson
Toliver, Elvis Vivian
West, Iona Mae
Westbrooks, Pearlina
Whitby, Marie A.
Woolridge, Gladys Clayton

Division of Mechanic Arts
Milligan, James Monroe

Division of Agriculture
Batts, Fred D.
Clemons, A. C.
Coleman, Roosevelt
Cooper, S. Edward
Gray, William David
Love, Charles
Myers, Ewitt
Powell, John Roosevelt
Samuel, Layon
Taylor, Floy D.
Vaughn, Samuel Ardmore
Wiley, Herman Benjamin

**AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION;
GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD
SPONSOR LIBRARY SCHOOL**

Students from five southern states have enrolled in the Library School now being conducted at the college.

Miss Virginia M. Lacy, head librarian of Louisville Municipal College in Louisville, Kentucky, has charge of the instruction. Miss Lacy is a graduate of the School of Education and the Library School of Hampton Institute. She has recently been awarded a scholarship to do graduate work in Library Science at the University of Illinois.

Miss Velma Edwards is assisting with the instruction. Miss Edwards is from San Antonio, Texas, and is a graduate of Prairie View State College and the Library School of Hampton Institute.

The General Education Board has purchased for use in these courses several hundred volumes which would serve as a nucleus for a model high school.

Enrollment in the Library School to date is as follows:

Texas
Miss Ethel O. King
Mrs. L. B. Horace
Mrs. Maud Eason
Miss Lillian Davis
Mrs. Madeline Hines
Mrs. Velma R. Barrens
Miss F. E. Brown
Mrs. Iola F. Carpenter
Miss Zephie Caswell
Miss Cornell Cleaver
Miss Ella Jewel Cleaver

Miss Lavalia Colter
Miss Frances Durdan
Mrs. L. H. Edward
Mrs. Mattie V. Garrett
Mrs. Clotiel Goree
Miss Frances Jackson
Miss Sadie N. Jones
Miss Byrd Lawshe
Miss Johnnie Mae Moore
Mr. Percy Neblette
Mrs. Mercedes Newsome
Mrs. Bessye Richards
Mrs. Lonah Pittman
Miss Bessie Johnson

Mississippi
Miss Hilmer Conner
Mrs. Clotea White
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Miss Leyser Crawford
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Oklahoma
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Miss Annie B. Mills
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Miss Glennie P. McDonald
Miss Jeannette R. May
Miss Mary E. Nelson
Miss Frances O. Nero
Miss Bernadine A. Robinson
Miss Thelma Von Phul

**WPA PROVIDES NEW RECREATION
FACILITIES FOR NEGROES**

Negroes all over the country will benefit this summer from the extensive program of developing and landscaping public parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields, and providing swimming pools and bathhouses, and similar physical equipment, undertaken during the past few years by the Works Progress Administration.

Projects of this type constitute approximately 11 per cent of the WPA program. Many are located in Negro neighborhoods where such accommodations had never before been available.

Swimming facilities constructed by the WPA ranged from extensive beaches and pools that serve several thousand a day to less pretentious "swimming holes" made possible by the erection of a dam across a swift, clear stream. For the most part these have been generously sponsored by the communities in which they are located, as their construction has served to eliminate unsightly slum areas, to better community health, and to prevent hundreds of drownings each year.

**Renovation Of Mind For A
World Of Transition**

An address delivered to the Class of '37
By Prof. R. Patterson Perry, M. S.

Out of the confusion and uncertainty of a world in transition must come a new program of attack. There must be complete renovation or reorganization of the old order of things to meet the problems of the new order. There must be a new sense of beginnings, a new sense of creation and experimentation, a new sense of participation and sharing, a new sense of obligation and responsibility, a new sense of appreciation for technical advancements, a new sense of expansiveness and world consciousness, a restatement of human values. There must be complete renovation of mind and spirit to meet the problems of the social order beyond the contemporary scene.

Today is beyond comparison the most exciting time in the history of mankind. For the first time in recorded history, all the nations of the world are passing through a crisis at the same moment. Today, this month, this year, all civilization takes another step through one of those notably rare periods of transition which form the character of generations to come. Such times in the past have touched a nation, or at the most a continent; but the present crisis is as acute in China as in England, in Africa as in America. A king renounces his throne for "the woman I love"; a president calls for a reorganization of the world's highest judiciary; a dictator orders a blood purge of political opponents, while two political factions destroy a nation.

To many persons modern life seems to be mostly noise, and confusion, speed, jazz, sound and fury, signifying nothing. They see nothing in contemporary life but depression, moral bankruptcy, religious indifference, organized crime, and legalized injustice; and they become cynics. They see the acids of modernity destroying orthodox conventions; and they are shocked. They see their social and political prejudices questioned; and they call for repression.

It is true that the world today is not altogether happy. The crashing and smashing of absolutes have unsettled our thinking. It is true that civilization and culture have lost association with their old landmarks, and that orthodox religion and orthodox conventions have lost their potency. Pleasures that once fascinated no

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**PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE AND
HER GRADUATES**

By Napoleon B. Edward

For many years graduates of Prairie View State College have been going North, East and West to continue their education beyond the bachelor degree. Reports trickling into the Office of The Standard show that the alumni of Prairie View State College have been not only good students, but they have taken high rank among the best scholars of these institutions.

The alumni who have been studying in outer state institutions during the past regular session, on whom masters' degrees have been conferred are the following: Miss Velma Edwards, Hampton Institute
Mr. J. C. Davis, University of Wisconsin
Mr. William Pollard, University of Michigan

Prairie View State College has been rated "A" by the college rating agencies of America. The high position which she now occupies has not been attained without wise constructive leadership both from within and without. Principal W. R. Banks has worked patiently and unremittingly, night and day, for the advancement and stabilization of the college. However, the Principal has been assisted and encouraged by the Board of Directors, a generous patronage, and an able faculty who have given their best as the lights have beamed along their pathway.

Under continuous unswerving statesmanship the orderly progress of Prairie View State College is assured. Beginning with the regular session, September, next, the Principal advises graduate courses will be offered, thus complying with the needs and requests of a large per cent of educators of the state. Hereafter, there will be less reason for those seeking graduate work to leave Texas. It is now practically certain that a large number will enroll in the graduate courses as soon as Prairie View opens her doors for graduate work.

**AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM GOING UP
AT PRAIRIE VIEW COLLEGE**

Through official action of the Board of Directors and the persistent efforts of Principal W. R. Banks, Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College will soon have a combination auditorium-gymnasium erected on the campus and ready for occupancy.

The auditorium-gymnasium has long been needed at the college. And like the Prairie View highway now under construc-

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**An Address To The Alumni
By Dr. E. M. Norris**

(Continued from May Issue)

Those were "efficient" bar tenders who made a go of the liquor traffic during pre-prohibition days. Those were "proficient" bar tenders who were counted among the druggists when prohibition came. As someone said to a weeping bar room in 1919, "Nice little bar room don't cry, you will be a drug store by and by." The romantic blacksmith who did so well his work under Longfellow's spreading chestnut tree, and who looked the whole world in the face, was efficient, indeed; but the blacksmith who in these later days finds himself a machinist or motor mechanic is "proficient." The English wheat farmer of the 19th century who could produce wheat above the average yield was "efficient," but that English wheat farmer, who, when sorely pressed by wheat growers in the super-marginal areas of the midwestern U. S., Canada, Argentina and Australia, turned to livestock production was "proficient."

The "efficient" Colonial New Englander raised cattle, sheep, horses, and hogs, both commercially and for home use; he grew most of the grains; he produced vegetable and fruits for home use. When the development of the fertile West threw an abundance of meats and grains upon the market the Yankee's small, thin-soiled fields could not compete. The "proficient" New Englander then gave up commercial production of beef, pork, horses, and grain, he went into dairying with a vengeance.

He took up commercial poultry raising; he produced fruits and vegetables, especially potatoes, for the market. Note that he still diversified, but in new channels. During the recent depression while the southern and western farmers jostled round the federal trough, demanding handouts, the thrifty and "proficient" Yankee farmer stood his embattled ground, asking for little and getting less, but operating an independent agriculture that earned, without government assistance, the highest per capita income of any group of farm states.

There can be no doubt that the depression accentuated social tendencies that have had incipient existence in industry and society since the industrial revolution. We see industry integrated and organized upon vaster scales than ever before. We realize the unprecedented industrial, social and political power inherent in combinations of industrial and financial groups. Well do we know now that the world is eco-

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GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS ANNUAL FARMERS' CONGRESS

His Excellency, the Honorable James V. Allred, Governor of Texas, will speak to the Negro farmers of Texas in session at their 30th Annual Farmers' Congress and Short Course on August 12, 1937, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Governor Allred will be accompanied to Prairie View by Secretary of State, Edward L. Clark, and will be introduced to the farmers by President T. O. Walton of the A. & M. College of Texas. Other notables attending this Farmers' Congress include Director H. H. Williamson, Vice Director Jack Shelton, Vice Director Mildred Horton, Miss Bess Edwards, Assistant State Home Demonstration Agent, representatives of the Extension Service from Washington, D. C., and field agents.

This will be a fine opportunity for the Negro farmers of Texas to hear and be inspired by their Governor.

The Congress and Short Course begins on Sunday night, August 8, with a sermon by Dr. Junius C. Austin, Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, and field agent for the Southern Region, U. S. D. A., A. A. A. The meeting will be opened formally on the morning of August 9, welcoming representatives from 48 or more counties throughout the State of Texas, served by Negro Extension workers.

Demonstrations for the Short Course include syrup making in charge of Mr. M. K. Thornton, Leather Specialist; trench silo work (to be built and filled) in charge of Mr. E. R. Eudaly, A. & M. College Extension Service; manufacture of logs into lumber with the use of a miniature saw-mill on wheels in charge of an A. & M. representative and a demonstration using plucking wax by Mr. G. L. Smith, Prairie View College.

There will be three days of intensive training in various home demonstration

and farming activities for the farm people attending the Short Course.

The boys' 4-H Club local contests will be conducted in judging poultry, cattle, hogs, hay, horseshoe pitching, oratory and quartette singing. The 4-H Club encampment for boys will be conducted during the Short Course.

The 4-H Club girls' encampment will be conducted prior to the opening of the Congress and Short Course, beginning on August 4 and ending August 7. The encampment group will remain for the Short Course and take part in all contests and activities for girls.

A miniature feed show and leather work will be displayed by men agents and the women agents will display rugs and quilts. —Field Activities, Negro Farm and Home Agents.

HIGHWAY FROM STATION TO THE COLLEGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Governor James V. Allred, keeping faith with the promises made when he visited Prairie View, evidently is instrumental in extending the highway from Prairie View Station almost in a direct straight line to the campus.

The road has been duly designated by the Highway Commission, the right-of-way has been secured, and actual work on the one and one-half mile road has begun. It is anticipated that the road will be completed and ready for traffic on or about August 15.

A good hard-surfaced road has been needed and wanted between Prairie View Station and the college from the beginning. Now the dreams and hopes of thousands of students and patrons who must come and go over the road from year to year are being realized. No less interested in this stretch of the highway have been the governing authorities of the college and the faculty. The road when completed will not only facilitate traffic and travel, but will be an economic asset not only to the college per se, but to the entire college community extending in all directions from the institution.

GRADUATE COURSES OFFERED AT PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE

Principal W. R. Banks has announced that beginning September, next, Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College will have established and begun a graduate school to accommodate a widespread demand by the teachers in the public schools of the state, who desire to continue their education leading to degrees beyond the bachelor.

For many years, Negroes who desired

graduate work, more or less, have been compelled to enter colleges and universities of other states. Now that this work will be offered at Prairie View, there is less reason for candidates for advanced degrees to leave the state.

Prairie View State College has been rated "A" by the leading college rating agencies of America. She is manned by the best faculty obtainable, men and women, schooled in the foremost institutions in the United States. Her standardized hospital, laboratory and dormitory facilities, make the college potentially feasible for graduate work which she will undertake. There is every reason and assurance that a large number will avail themselves of the opportunities that will be thus afforded.

PROF. PERRY—

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longer please; and amusements that once thrilled no longer amuse. There is world-weariness, disillusionment, and even giddiness. To many persons life no longer seems to hold any special significance; they are not sure that what they are doing is worthwhile. Certainly there was never a greater need for individual thought and a new interpretation of values than in the present era, when throughout the world whole races appear to have closed their minds to the possibilities of the thinking process. Thinking often begets doubt and bewilderment. In troubled times, such as the present, the human race yearns for assurance and security. Thus we find millions signifying their willingness to let self-appointed leaders do their thinking for them. Other millions cry out for cut-and-dried programs and formulas to which they can profess allegiance. In the struggle of thought and of honest questioning against doctrine and assurance, thought seems to be waging a losing battle.

In the midst of such crumbling certainties man must be reminded that this is not the first time that the world has changed, not the first age in which men questioned the faith and traditions of the fathers. Men need to be told again that in ages past everything was in dispute—political sanctions, literary values, moral standards, religious convictions, even the possibility of reaching any truth about anything. The decline of Rome, for instance, is a point in evidence. It was important because it changed the history of Europe, leaving it without a central government to impose law and taxes. Europe broke into several pieces. Centuries later, a brilliant era of transition came with the Renaissance and the Reformation. It had a direct effect on us because the spirit of the world changed from obedience to experiment.

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DR. NORRIS—

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nominally one, and that upon this fact rest chances for peace or war, prosperity or pestilence, evolution or revolution.

In spite of the economic unity existent in the world, I think we all agree that there is not correspondingly sufficient intellectual, moral or spiritual appreciation of its implications for human conduct. The depression has shown us how far material progress of man has outrun the intellectual, moral, and spiritual capacities of our democracy. We have seen human personalities dwarfed, stunted, and twisted into ugly shapes by the dominance of a mechanized society. We have seen life become purposeless, stale and flat, for millions of men and women.

We have no regrets about the application of science to the provisions of man's material needs and general comfort. We regret not the fact that modern civilization is based upon machine production. What we do bemoan indeed is the mechanization of human life and the material appraisal of human personalities. Therefore in the educational purposing of institutions for vocational education, workers must be made something more than just farmers, business enterprisers, industrial and professional workers, they must be made men in order that they may live comfortably and helpfully with one another—shutting out the evil works of every possible social and economic shyster.

Men cannot be made merely by maxims and preachments. The moral edifice must be slowly and patiently built in concrete. The social consciousness must perpetually find its awareness in the actualities of social service. The school provides the social organization for the exercise of a concrete morality and the realization of a vitalizing social service.

Never before in a peace-time era has there been revealed more clearly than now the evil consequences of a dualism which makes a cleavage between private and public morality, a separation of the ethics of private conduct from the ethics of business and social relationships. The school must visualize a unity in these. It must see in human personality a unity of body and soul, inward convictions and outward actions. Human personality must not be sectionalized into man physical and man spiritual, into man private and man public, into man leisure and man industrial. In the constructive occupations of the school we have the training ground for social purpose in the spheres of industry, citizenship, and politics.

In this great cause of making men efficient and proficient workers and of making efficient and proficient workers men, Prairie View State College has played an important part, and with the set-up in plant, material, material resources, curri-

cular and extra-curricular facilities, wholesome devotion, administrative wisdom, and faculty capabilities, it is destined to play a more important part in the future than in the past. We are proud of our school, and as alumni we expect to show our appreciation by making these reunions a success, and by so living as to merit the respect of all who follow in our footsteps. As we turn from this brief and all too sketchy and vague retrospect of the last ten years and raise our eyes again to face the future, with leaping hearts and fervent spirits we say—

"Then here's to our dear Alma Mater; Here's to her future success; And here's to her sons and her daughters— May their shadows never grow less."

AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM—

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tion, the new auditorium-gymnasium will be greeted by the Alumni and the citizens of Texas generally, with generous approbation and satisfaction.

In a recent interview, Professor C. L. Wilson, superintendent of buildings and college utilities, said construction of the new auditorium-gymnasium at Prairie View State College will begin September 1. The buildings will be erected in the southwest area of the campus and will be a steel frame brick structure, 96x142 feet.

The building will contain offices, Professor Wilson said, for athletic and physical education officials, dressing rooms for both men and women and equipment and storage rooms. A regulation size basketball court will be provided. There will be a modernly equipped stage, 27x35 feet. The building will have a seating capacity of 1200 as a gymnasium and 2200 when used as an auditorium.

Construction will be under the supervision of the department of buildings and utilities. The department plans to have the building ready for use April 1, 1938, Professor Wilson said.

PRAIRIE VIEW STUDENTS ATTEND OUTER STATE INSTITUTIONS

Graduates of Prairie View State College attended outer state institutions during the past regular session for graduate work, as follows:

J. C. Davis, University of Wisconsin
Anne Franklin, University of Southern California
Lillie Mae Paley, Kansas State College
Allee James, Kansas State College
Doris Sanders, Meharry Medical College
Mrs. E. L. Sasser, Cornell University
Mrs. H. A. Bullock, Columbia University
Velma Edwards, Library School, Hampton Institute

James A. Soders, Northwestern
William Pollard, University of Michigan
Professor W. R. Harrison, of the Division of Agriculture, has studied for his Ph. D., at Cornell University.

OPEN TENNIS MEET BOOKED AT STATE COLLEGE

By F. A. Jackson

The Southwestern Tennis Association, under the direction of C. W. Lewis, completed plans today to make the eighth annual Southwestern tennis tournament, to be held here June 21-26, the greatest in the tennis history of the Southwest.

Following numerous requests the committee moved the tourney dates up to June this year. Previously, the tournament was held in July. To avoid conflicts with the Missouri Valley tournament and to permit more time between the Southwestern date and the national tournament, the schedule of the Southwestern tourney was changed to permit participants to appear in both.

The list of events include men's singles and doubles and women's singles. Both winners and runner-ups will receive awards. Beautiful individual trophies are now on display here.

Lloyd Scott, national singles champ, Midwest open singles champ and defending Southwestern open champ, will head a contingency of stars from the Southwest and Southeast to appear.

R. E. "Skipper" Dixon, Dallas; Ted Lawson, finalist in the 1936 Midwest tournament; C. McDaniel, semi-finalist in the 1936 Midwest tournament; Hobart Thomas, E. Millard and W. H. Wiggins are just some of the local stars to appear.

The Southeast will send Ernest McCampbell of Tuskegee, Southeastern intercollegiate singles champ. McCampbell is already on the scene. Leslie Stallworth, Columbia, South Carolina, thrice semi-finalist in the Chicago grass court tournament, is expected to enter the singles and will team with his brother, John Stallworth, in the doubles. Constant Dejoie, Taladega College ace, is expected also.

Accommodations, including board and lodging, will be furnished without charge to the contestants. A varied and well balanced social program is carded for the entire week.

The women's singles will be headed by Mrs. Agnes Lawson, four times consecutive winner of the Southwestern singles crown. Her position will be hotly contested by the youthful Miss Lestine Hatchett, up and coming star from the Navasota High School. Miss Hatchett was runner-up in last year's tourney. Miss Velma Edwards, one time Southeastern intercollegiate singles queen is already on the scene to vie for the Southwestern singles honors.

Fees for the singles are fifty cents; for doubles \$1. Drawings will take place Monday, June 21, 10:30 a. m. All entries must be in by Sunday, June 20.

—Houston Defender.