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NEWS LETTER

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE - PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

VOLUME VIII

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A. CALENDAR -

1. Negro History Discussions -
 - (a) Dr E B Evans - February 10 - "Negro Handicaps"
 - (b) Miss A C Preston - February 11 - "Negro Health"
 - (c) Professor J J Abernethy - February 17
"New Vocational Opportunities for Negroes"
 - (d) Dr M F Spaulding - February 18 -
"Summary of All Addresses"
2. Vocational Basketball Tournament - February 11-12
3. Waller County Day - February 11
4. Washington's Birthday - February 22
5. Better Homes Week - Home Arts Division - February 24-25
6. Faculty Debate - February 27
7. Dr Charlotte Hawkins-Brown - February, 1938

B. GYMNASIUM -

It is now predicted that the "NEW GYMNASIUM" will be ready for use on or by March 17. Some appropriate activity, of an outstanding character, should mark the beginning of the use of this building. Plans are on foot to have such an activity on March 13. With Dr James Weldon Johnson as guest speaker, the exercises will be in the afternoon, and the citizens, within a radius of 100 miles, will be invited to attend.

C. SOME THINGS TO KEEP BEFORE US -

1. That our lawns and surroundings should be in keeping with the spirit of "Campus Beautification."
2. Paint and Whitewash old out buildings so that the general appearance of the whole campus will be, at all times, presentable.
3. Plant shrubbery and flowers
4. That the institution must make an effort to bring the student's training into closer relationship with his life's Occupation and Problems.

EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 24, 1937, IN ST. LOUIS

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Mr. Schulzberger moved that the Board and Directors be specifically instructed by the Board not to submit requests for in or out-of-state travel authority except in cases where the person who is to travel is traveling on the exclusive business of the College or the State. **D. AND FINALLY -** by Mr. Uday. It was so ordered."

1. The United States Department of Commerce released this information in December, 1937 -

"The typical income for Negro families in Southern villages was declared to be \$316 a year." This means that the average Negro in Southern villages is living on \$5.26 a month; or \$1.31 a week; or \$0.18 a day. **THIS IS THE NEGRO'S PROBLEM.** Our Educational Curricula and Set-up, must be seriously and judiciously concerned about this Problem.

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS

In the teaching absence for 12- working days.

That no employee the Completion of employee of the College.

All offices with which the general public should be open on all working days other than official calendar holidays.

A schedule for reimbursement owned automobiles is driven on the College was determined as

Faithfully yours,

W R Banks
W R Banks
Principal

P S Meeting usual time and place

WRB

In submitting expense vouchers, meter readings will be given. Likewise, the names of any or all other employees of the College who are guests in the car for the trip will be submitted on the voucher.

President Walton reviewed an opinion of the Attorney General with reference to travel by College employees, and those present were reminded that all out-of-state travel must be authorized by the Board of Directors in writing. The Deans and other administrative heads were directed by the President to prepare at once a statement of out-of-state-trips which will be necessitated in their schools and which can be anticipated for submission to him for approval by the Board of Directors.

EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 24, 1937, IN RE TRAVEL

"Mr Schuhmacher moved that the Deans and Directors be specifically instructed by the Board not to submit requests for in or out-of-state travel authority except in cases where the person who is to travel is traveling on the exclusive business of the College or the State. Motion seconded by Mr Utay. It was so ordered."

November 4, 1937

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:

In the teaching and main divisions of the College leaves of absence for 12-month employees should consist of fourteen working days.

That no employee shall be entitled to such leave until after the Completion of one year of continuous service as an employee of the College.

All offices with which the general public has negotiations should be open on all working days other than official calendar holidays.

A schedule for reimbursement for mileage when a privately owned automobile is driven on approved official business of the College was determined as follows:

For the first thousand miles each month, 5¢ per mile; 1,000 to 2,000 miles, 4¢ per mile; 2,000 to 3,000 miles, 3¢; above three thousand miles in one month, 2¢ per mile.

In submitting expense vouchers, speedometer readings will be given. Likewise, the names of any or all other employees of the College who are guests in the car for the trip will be submitted on the voucher.

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TYPICAL AMERICAN FAMILY LIVED ON \$1100 PAY IN 1936

WASHINGTON, Dec 19 - The typical family in American villages lived on an income of about \$1100 in 1936, the agriculture department reported Sunday.

This estimate was based on a study of incomes of 22,644 families in 140 representatives villages throughout the country.

The figures varied by sections, however. White families in the South received a typical income of around \$1355. The estimate for village families in Western live-stock range regions was \$1285 and in New England \$1232.

The lowest figure was \$916 in the wheat belt, where drouth conditions prevailed. The typical income in Central states was about \$1039.

The typical income for Negro families in Southern villages was declared to be \$316.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF

L E Fry

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1. Majority of all tenants and a great many farm owners, both colored and white, are housed below minimum adequacy levels based on health and decency alone.
 2. Most farmers, regardless of color or land tenure status, lack such simple conveniences as kitchen sinks, water supply in house, and closets.
 3. These conditions (1 & 2) are not due entirely to lack of economic ability but also to the lack of knowledge of a better life, the lack of the desire for a better life, and the lack of the information necessary to achieve it.
 4. Houses that provide for an increased in the amenities of living can be built at low enough cost to be within the reach of practically all Southern farmers.
 5. The managerial ability of farmers must be improved to make possible an improvement of their economic status.
 6. The desire for better housing must be created through education.
 7. The necessary planning for this housing must be provided once this desire has been created.
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 ***** GENERAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR *****

 ***** at *****
 ***** PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE - PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS *****
 ***** SEPTEMBER 1, 1937 - AUGUST 31, 1938 *****

1. District Council Agricultural Teachers December 15
2. Curriculum Institute for Graduate Courses December 14-15-16
3. "Y" Leadership Institute December 3-5
4. Unit Short Course for Farmers January 3-15
5. Waller County Relief Day Program February 11
6. Vocational Agricultural Basketball Tournament February 11-12
7. Institute for Physicians on Tuberculosis and Social Diseases March 8-9-10-11
8. Opening Exercises for Gymnasium March 13
9. Conference of Librarians in Colored Colleges March 17
10. Ninth Educational Conference March 18
11. National Negro Health Week April 3-9
12. Annual Judging Contest April 12-13
13. State Interscholastic League Meet in Colored Schools April 14-15
14. Southwestern Inter Collegiate Track Meet and Texas AA High Schools April 8-9
15. Leadership Institute (Auspices of Southern Presbyterian Church) May 2-3-4
16. Institute for Mid Wives May 5
17. Institute for Pastors May 24-June 2
18. Vocational Home Economic Institute May 30-June 3
19. Institute for Jeanes Workers May 30-June 3
20. Institute - Teachers of Vocational Agriculture May 30-June 3
21. Institute of Jeanes Supervisors May 30-June 3
22. Institute for Trades and Industry Teachers May 30-June 3
23. School for Coaches July 7-8-9
24. Boy Scout Leadership Institute July
25. Southwestern Open Tennis Tournament July 18-23
26. Farmers' Short Course August 14-17