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  - 1. Judging Contest
  - 2. Vocational Agricultural Basketball Tournament
- (b) Inspection of Cadet Corps - March 3
- (c) Texas Interscholastic Meet Basketball Tournament - March 3-4
- (d) Conference of Librarians in Colored Schools - March 9
- (e) Tenth Educational Conference - March 10
- (f) ... - March 11
- (g) ... - March 12
- (h) ... - March 13-16

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NEWS LETTER

C. MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT -

Mrs Roosevelt is speaking in Baytown, Texas, March 3 and Houston, Texas, March 4. Her visit is being made to have her visit our campus while she is in South Texas. You will be gratified should we be fortunate in having her come to our college.

MARCH - 1939

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

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- (f) Trades and Occupational Conference - March 11
- (g) Late James Weldon Johnson's Exercise - Graduate Students - March 12
- (h) Third Post Graduate Medical Clinic - March 14-16

## B MARCH -

A glance at the March Calendar reveals the number of important activities that will take place on our campus. These events will bring to us some of the outstanding people in the country. It will be well to keep this schedule before us in the assignment of lessons.

## C MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT -

Mrs Roosevelt is speaking in Beaumont, Texas, March 8 and Houston, Texas, March 14. Every effort is being made to have her visit our campus while she is in South Texas. You will be notified should we be fortunate in having her come to the college.

## D THE NEW DINING HALL -

The contractor promises to have the new building ready to turn over on or about April 15. It will take from three to four weeks to install the equipment. It is the hope that everything will be ready by May 17, so that we may have a dedicatory exercise in connection with the Annual Alumni Meeting, Saturday, May 20.

## E CAMPUS AND LAWNS -

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F THE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE -

It is customary to excuse the members of the Senior Class to attend the Educational Conference. A great many members of the Junior Class will be used as ushers. It is hoped that those teachers who have free time that day, will attend the Conference. The subject this year will be - "THE NEGRO CHURCH IN TEXAS AS AN EDUCATIONAL AGENCY." If the weather is good an attendance of 1500 is expected.

AND FINALLY -

- 1 "There can be no thriving cities without a thriving Agriculture." -- Selected
- 2 "The task without vision is drudgery,  
A vision without a task is a dream  
But a vision and a task are a Joy Unspeakable."

-- Selected

Notes:

- 1 Of the 106 graduates only 43 were employed. This does not indicate that the remaining 63 are working at socially desirable jobs. W. R. Banks, teaching, he reports that employed.
- 2 The salaries of the employed ran from \$40 to \$150 a month. The highest salaries are in the Agricultural field.

Yours truly,  
*W. R. Banks*  
W. R. Banks  
Principal

P S - Meeting the same time and place

WRB

(a)	Below \$40 a month	19
(b)	From \$40 to \$74	36
(c)	From \$75 to \$99	17
(d)	From \$100 and above	14

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF GRADUATES OF CLASS  
REGULAR SESSION-1939

Division	Number	Employed	Unemployed	Teaching	Other Work	Remarks
Agriculture	22	21	1	19	2	2 in school
Arts & Sciences	42	26	16	20	6	2 in school
Home Economics	23	20	3	13	7	House- 2 keeping
Mechanic Arts	9	9	0	2	7	
Nursing	10	10	0	0	10	1 in school
Total	106	86	20	54	32	

Note:

- 1 Of the 106 graduates only 16.9% are reported unemployed. This does not indicate that they are not working at some socially desirable job. Whenever a graduate is not teaching, he reports "not employed."
- 2 The salaries of the employed run from \$40 to \$150 a month. The highest salaries are in the Agricultural field.
- 3 Salary ranges -
  - (a) Below \$50 a month ----- 19
  - (b) From \$50 to \$74 ----- 36
  - (c) From \$75 to \$99 ----- 17
  - (d) From \$100 and above ----- 14



ARBOR COMMITTEE'S REPORT  
1939

The Arbor Committee makes the following report for 1939:

TREES AND SHRUBS PLANTED ON CAMPUS

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As stated above, Prairie View College must, in the light of recent court rulings and current trends in advanced work for Negroes, provide immediately to care for graduate work in the various fields. We do not believe it would be wise for Prairie View to attempt graduate work in the fields of law and medicine as this training could be provided more economically out of the State. However, in other fields of learning, Prairie View can provide, with proper finances, creditable work on the graduate level, and steps must be taken in this direction.

A study of the table showing the degrees granted will clearly reveal that the number of graduates is increasing rather rapidly. This situation emphasizes the need for a new library building. This building should be sufficiently large to care for the increasing demand of the undergraduates and also provide sufficient space to house the graduate library. An expenditure of \$150,000 on this building would be entirely justified and probably prove economical in the years to come.

secured and planted in the College Nursery for use next year:

Cherry Laurel	5
Holly	50
Liquidambar	50
Total	105

E H Hereford, College Examiner  
For the State of Texas

We acknowledge contributions from the following organizations with which we purchased the items marked (\*). Official receipt is sent to your office for record.

Thursday Evening Bridge Club	1.00
Comox Bridge Club	1.00
Local P T A	1.00
Co-Ed Club	1.00
Local Alumni Club	5.00
P V Sunday School	10.00
Annie Laura Evans Club	1.00
Dillitank's Literary Society	1.00
Total	22.00

February 9, 1939

/s/ J. Wilson, Chairman  
Arbor Committee



ARBOR COMMITTEE'S REPORT  
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The Arbor Committee makes the following report for 1939:

TREES AND SHRUBS PLANTED ON CAMPUS

Coral Berry -----	130
American Elm -----	50
Dog Wood -----	25
Armor Rivia Privit -----	250
Waxleaf Lingustrum -----	6
Japaneese Lingustrum -----	4
*Retinospora Enividis -----	2
*Spyrea Simmind1 -----	3
*Hydranges -----	4
*Abilia Grandiflora -----	2
*Bonita Arborviatae -----	2
*Pittosporum Tobia -----	2
*Purple leaf flowering plums -----	2
*Forsythia -----	1
*Juniperus Norizontilis -----	2
*Magnolia Graniflora -----	1
Total -----	<u>486</u>

In addition 22 pieces of shrubbery were moved from around the Old Chapel to other places on the campus. The following material was secured and planted in the College Nursery for use next year:

Cherry Laurel -----	5
Holly -----	5
Magnolia -----	<u>60</u>
Total -----	70

We acknowledge contributions from the following organizations with which we purchased the items Marked (\*). Official receipt is sent to your office for record.

Thursday Evening Bridge Club -----	\$ 1.00
Comos Bridge Club -----	1.00
Local P T A -----	1.00
Co-Ed Club -----	1.00
Local Alumni Club -----	5.00
P V Sunday School -----	10.00
Annie Laura Evens Club -----	1.00
Dillitante Literary Society -----	1.00
Total -----	<u>\$21.00</u>

February 9, 1939

/s/ C L Wilson, Chairman  
Arbor Committee



## PREVALENCE OF SYPHILIS IN NEGRO COLLEGES

January - 1938

Eleven Negro colleges answered the survey. Of these, six tested all entering students routinely, three gave tests on a selective basis, while only two had made no provision for testing. Reports on 2,312 tests given in all-Negro institutions showed positive reactions for 62 tests, or 26.8 cases per 1,000. The rate for the general Negro population of the corresponding age group is about 30 per 1,000 persons.

TABLE II  
Prevalence of Syphilis in Negro College Students  
As Indicated by Blood Tests

Sex of Student	Number Tested	Number Positive	Rate Per 1000
Men	1,115	29	26.0
Women	1,198	33	27.6
Total	2,313	62	26.8

Of the men tested, 29 were found to be positive out of 1,115 tests (26.0 per 1,000), while 33 positive tests were indicated for the 1,198 tests reported on women students (27.6 per 1,000). The slightly higher rate for women in earlier age-groups corresponds to previous findings.

Note: Of the 78,388 tests given the white students, 156 proved positive, a rate of 1.99 per 1,000.



SIGNIFICANT IMPRESSIONS  
BOWIE COUNTY COORDINATED PROGRAM  
H A BULLOCK

January - 1938

Significant Impressions: From this trip I gained some impressions that I consider significant in that they facilitated a change of attitude concerning the nature of rural work. To a great extent punctuated phases of improvements created a feeling of optimism. My first significant impression was the fact that one could obviously see an extension of Prairie View College in Bowie County. Here was an area 344 miles from our campus, yet, Prairie View was more there than it is in Waller County. How was it done? Through the instrumentality of our students and through the influence of the State Department of Education. The County Superintendent is a duplication of Mr Worley in manner, speech, and educational philosophy. Mr Worley has the philosophy of Prairie View, and he has given it to Mr Griffin. Mr Hudson is a very good representative of the Agricultural School here and our Extension services. His meat artistry is a duplication of that of Mr Williams here. His strong point is his "remarkability" to transfer his techniques to local leaders. Reverend Wilson worked with him for the first time November 17. On November 18 he was placed in complete charge of a meat demonstration. On last Friday, while the County Agent lectured, the Minister and the Farmer (one of the many farmers present) did the meat-cutting. This was very smart in that it showed that the arts could be learned. This made a splendid show -- the meat artists acted with almost perfect synchronization to the words of the lecturer. The lecturer often referred to the excellence of the Minister who often beamed with pride. Here one could easily see why "the minister's cooperation."



Another impression was the great work that is being done by Mr Montgomery, a recent graduate of the Agricultural School of Prairie View. Mr Montgomery had charge of planting pecan trees. His lecture was surprisingly clear; he answered questions with a scientific deftness that we very little saw while he was a student here. Many of these questions were asked by experienced farmers who knew many of the answers but were seeking to trap a youngster. He came through with apparent satisfaction.

Problems of the Organization: It is not my intention to give the impression that all things are fine there. They are meeting terrific problems and are making some mistakes. Their greatest problems seem to be (1) getting the teachers interested; (2) getting the teachers to continue the interest which they show at the meetings; (3) getting sufficient community leaders to carry on the program; (4) getting finance for traveling; and (5) poor roads that make community isolation necessary in inclement weather.

Side Lights: The basis for a consumers' cooperative has been laid in this county. I do not know whether they were conscious of it or not. The schools are buying chickens, eggs, and trees cooperatively. Reverend Wilson's organization is beginning to draw up plans for a Consumers' Cooperative for private families. This will offer a good laboratory for the county.

The city schools are doing nothing in cooperation with this program. The city teachers and principals are not involved. Arkansas is doing nothing for her rural problem in that area.