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A CALENDAR -

1 Football -

- (a) October 7 - Prairie View vs Texas College - at Tyler
- (b) October 16 - Prairie View vs Wiley - at Dallas
- (c) October 21 - Prairie View vs Tillotson - at Austin
- (d) October 28 - Prairie View vs Arkansas - at Pine Bluff

2 WEEKS -

- (a) October 5 and 6 Courtesy - The "Y"
- (b) October 12-13 - Book - the Library
- (c) October 19-20 - English - English Department

3 OTHER EVENTS -

- (a) October 21 - State Conference on Status Negro Labor
- (b) October 22 - Kirby Page
- (c) October 22 - Roland Hayes - Recital
- (d) October 26-27 - State Conference on Teacher Training

B COORDINATING COMMITTEE -

It has become necessary that all units of the college program and activities be more effectively integrated and synchronized, and working towards this objective, a Coordinating Committee is appointed:

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Dr E B Evans | Mr J J Abernethy | Mr R W Hilliard |
| Dr E M Norris | Miss E C May | Miss M E Suarez |
| Dr G L Harrison | Mrs C A Estues | Mr C L Wilson |
| Dr R P Perry | Mr L A Potts | Mr C W Lewis |

Mr W H Wiggins

Mr O J Baker

C SHOOTING -

Since the game season for killing doves has open in this area, there has been considerable shooting on the school's lands. Some of the cattle have been found shot. It now becomes necessary to request employees not to hunt on the premises of the institution as the land is "posted."

D APPOINTMENTS -

It is becoming increasingly difficult for me to give attention to the major problems of the institution during office hours, and at the same time comply with the many requests of faculty members for conferences. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to share my time with my teachers and students whenever the demand comes, but such is a physical impossibility. You will greatly help the situation if you will state your case in a letter and send it in, and if the problem requires a conference, we shall be happy to arrange it immediately. If no conference is necessary, a reply will

be forthcoming. If the situation is urgent and cannot be written, arrange appointment through Miss Watson or Mr Edward. It now becomes necessary for me to budget my time and I trust that my associates will sympathize with me.

E ALL ABOARD!

The Annual Football Classic between Prairie View State College and Wiley College will be played in Dallas, Texas, at 3:00 o'clock P M October 16 at the Fair Park - Dallas, Texas. It has been the practice to excuse those of our staff who desire to attend the game. I am pleased to announce that we shall give approval to requests to go to Dallas that day, provided it comes not later than October 13. Approval for absence on Monday, October 16, will be given for the Dallas Game only.

F TEACHERS ASSOCIATION -

The Annual Association of Teachers in Colored Schools in Texas will convene in Houston, Texas, Thanksgiving Week of November, 1939. All regular members are eligible to attend. I want to see all of the employees at the college join the Association this year, whether we attend the meetings or not. It is a measure of our professional interest. We have about sixty (60) faithful members from here each year, but this number should be doubled. I am appointing Professor G W Reeves as the official solicitor.

G THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND -

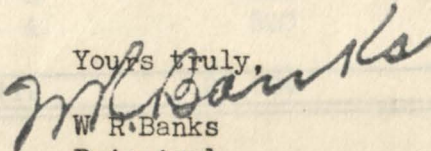
- (a) Community Chest Dues
- (b) Faculty Credit Union
- (c) The Recital by Roland Hayes
- (d) Grass and Hedge trimmed around cottages

H AND FINALLY -

Robert Rylee was right when he said in his book - "Deep Dark River" -

"For if a man is hungry, he inevitably regards particular things with great concern. It is only when his paunch is successfully filled and his roof is turning rain that his greatest happiness is extended into the realms of universals."

Yours truly,


W. R. Banks
Principal

P S - Meeting usual time and place
WRB

INTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

**FIELD ACTIVITIES OF NEGRO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND
HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS OF TEXAS**

SEPTEMBER 1939

C H Waller, State Leader
H S Estelle, District Agent
J H Williams, District Agent

Mrs I W Rowan, Supervising District
Home Demonstration Agent
Mrs J O A Conner, District Agent

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Negro farmers of Texas produced 24,784 gallons of sorghum syrup in 119 demonstrations during the first month of syrup work. This work was done in 15 counties and does not include the total amount of syrup produced in these counties, but only that produced by improved methods of treating the juice with lime to reduce acidity in the syrup, thereby improving its edible qualities; the treatment of juice with diastase to reduce starch and improve the keeping qualities, the improvement of furnances, and sanitation. These demonstrations were attended by 1,541 adult farm people. Many expressed their satisfaction at the improved quality of this product, indicating a keen interest in the work. Sorghum and Ribbon Cane Syrup work will continue for the next 90 days.

| County | No Demonstrations | No Gallons | Attendance |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Red River | 6 | 500 | 136 |
| Anderson | 11 | 2,862 | 210 |
| Rusk | 3 | 450 | 30 |
| Cherokee | 11 | 3,000 | 176 |
| Robertson | 7 | 1,500 | 150 |
| Falls | 20 | 10,000 | 210 |
| Kaufman | 2 | 300 | 28 |
| Milam | 5 | 265 | 50 |
| Colorado | 5 | 200 | 52 |
| Lavaca | 4 | 460 | 48 |
| Madison | 4 | 1,450 | 34 |
| Austin | 6 | 306 | 67 |
| Fort Bend | 4 | 423 | 44 |
| Brazos | 7 | 719 | 42 |
| Brazoria | 10 | 602 | 136 |
| Grimes | 2 | 132 | 22 |
| Matagorda | 8 | 115 | 84 |
| Jasper | 4 | 500 | 22 |
| Total | 119 | 27,784 | 1,541 |

INTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

RUSK COUNTY Six girls have selected paper for their bed rooms and one girl has papered her room. Bed room articles including pillow cases, sheets, spreads and scarfs were made in the county. In addition these items were added: 1 mirror, 5 chairs, 9 windows screened, and 4 doors screened.

HARRIS COUNTY Nineteen homes were papered and 24 clothes closets built in the county. Other home improvement work included the making of rugs, spreads, quilts and comforts.

SAN JACINTO COUNTY The work in interior home improvement in San Jacinto county during the month included repairing and revarnishing furniture, making labor saving devices such as wood boxes, kitchen cabinets, magazine racks and book shelves, with results as follows: pieces of furniture repaired - 6; bed rooms improved - 18; rooms papered - 4; closets built - 2; rugs made - 6; windows added - 8; sheets made - 3; pillow cases made - 6 pairs; 8 pairs of curtains made; 8 pieces of furniture repainted; mattress covers added - 2; quilts made - 10; windows screened - 4; and 4 pairs of steps rebuilt.

JEFFERSON COUNTY Three bedrooms have been papered, six pairs of curtains purchased, eight quilts made and 2 bedrooms added by home demonstration club women in the county. Seven dresser scarfs, 5 center pieces and 9 pillow slips were made by 4-H club girls.

GRIMES COUNTY Three bedrooms were improved and clothes closets built in each room. Other interior improvement included papering of walls, wood work refinished and cabinets added to kitchens.

BRAZORIA COUNTY Mrs Willie Mae Griffin, Baileys Prairie community finished a braided rug during the month. Mrs Delia Bush, Clute community made a crochet rug. Five candlewick bed spreads have been completed. Mrs Lela Lundy, Rosharon community, has bought a bedroom suite and her daughter, Alma Lundy, is making a candlewick bedspread. Mrs Lundy has her cotton on hand to make a mattress for her bed.
