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NEWS LETTER

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE - PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

VOLUME IX

DECEMBER - 1939

NUMBER 4

A CALENDAR -

- (a) Football - Prairie View-Southern at Southern - December 2
- (b) Fourth "Y" Leadership Institute - December 8-9 and 10
- (c) Christmas Vacation - December 21-28, 1939

B NEGRO HISTORY DISCUSSIONS -

- (a) Recent Federal Land Ownership Act Upon Negro Farm Operators in Texas - By the Agricultural Division - December 7
- (b) Negroes who Made Their Jobs - By the Home Economics Division - December 8

C MISCELLANEOUS -

- (a) Football - New Year's Day - 1940

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE-XAVIER - Houston

- (b) Unit Short Course for Farmers - January 2-12, 1940

D FOURTH "Y" LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE -

In an effort to give a more definite program to the several institutions - colleges, high schools and city "Y" - it was the thought that some type of cultivation should precede the Annual Older Boys' Conference. It was the feeling that if the leadership in the local "Ys" could be trained, better results would follow. Consequently, in 1936, the "Y" Leadership Institute was held at Prairie View State College. The movement has been amazingly satisfactory. On December 8-9-10, the Fourth Leadership Institute will be held at the college. Dr W J Faulkner of Fisk University will be the Discussion Leader.

E FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT -

At the last Workers' Meeting the recommendations of the Special Committee of Faculty Entertainment that we have a minimum of two entertainments - one each semester, and each staff member pay \$1.00 - was unanimously adopted. This was a significant step. It is the feeling that intelligence should prompt us of the importance of wholesome recreation and group fellowship - that we should have enough resource within ourselves to entertain ourselves. It is our opinion that the Staff will cooperate 100% in this movement. PAY YOUR FEE OF \$1.00 TO PROFESSOR BUCHANAN.

F QUESTION AND SUGGESTION - FACULTY -

Have you paid your Community Chest fees? If not, "Do it now."

G THE COLLEGE ANNUAL --

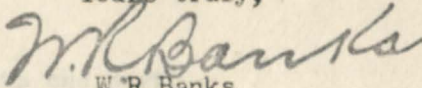
Based on the strength of the 500 subscriptions for a College Annual this year, and the apparent united enthusiasm of all those connected with the College, an annual will be published this year. We want to assure all subscribers that it will be a beautiful piece of art. Those who have not subscribed and desire to do so, kindly contact Mr R W Hilliard. Whether a person subscribes or not, it is important that we have the CUT of EVERY staff member connected with the institution. Arrangements have been made for Mr T W Jones of Prairie View and Mr A C Teal of Houston to make the pictures.

H AND FINALLY --

"The greatest and grandest legacy the world has ever received is the man whose heart is too full of righteousness for prejudice to find room; whose vision is too clear to be obstructed by class distinctions, whose life and deeds wrap, like the tendrils of a plant, around the hearts and lives of the common people and pull them up with him as he rises to higher and purer worlds of thought and action."

— BANKS - A U '09

Yours truly,



W R Banks
Principal

P S - Meeting usual time and place

WRB

SUBJECTS FOR NEGRO HISTORY DISCUSSIONS

1939-1940

1 AGRICULTURAL DIVISION -

- (a) Effect of the Recent Federal Land Ownership Act Upon Negro Farm Operators in Texas -

December 7, 1939

2 HOME ECONOMICS DIVISION -

- (a) Negroes Who Made Their Own Jobs -

December 8, 1939

3 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -

- (a) The Problems that Confront Our Beginning Teachers in our Modern Education Program -

January 4, 1940

4 DIVISION OF HEALTH -

- (a) The Advantages of Socialized Medicine As It Affects the Negro -

January 5, 1940

5 GRADUATE DIVISION -

- (a) The Lloyd Gaines Decision and Its Implications for Negro Education -

January 11, 1940

6 DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH -

- (a) What Democracy Means to the Negro -

February 8, 1940

7 MECHANIC ARTS DIVISION -

- (a) Business Opportunities for Negroes in Texas and Southwest -

February 9, 1940

8 SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION -

- (a) Consumer Problems of Rural and Urban Negroes -

February 15, 1940

9 DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES -

- (a) Contributions of Negroes to the Natural Sciences With Opportunities for the future -

February 16, 1940

TABLE I -- 1 TEACHER SCHOOLS IN TEXAS - WHITE

No Counties and Schools	No of Schools	No with less than 8 Mos Term	Number of Grades Taught							Average Daily attendance	Enrollment	
			5 or less	6	7	8	9	10	11			
38 Counties have NO 1-Teacher Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	----	----
32 have ONE Teacher Schs	32	1	5	2	22	2	1	-	-	-	392.6	458
29 " TWO " "	58	6	17	5	32	3	-	-	1	-	792.2	921
25 " THREE " "	75	7	11	7	50	4	2	1	-	-	944.9	1,098
20 " FOUR " "	80	15	12	6	57	1	4	-	-	-	1,065.8	1,239
6 " FIVE " "	30	1	8	2	20	-	-	-	-	-	367.1	403
16 " SIX " "	96	17	5	10	73	4	3	1	-	-	1,360.3	1,582
9 " SEVEN " "	63	4	18	3	40	2	-	-	-	-	1,003.1	1,165
15 " EIGHT " "	120	20	8	5	93	8	6	-	-	-	1,498.8	1,743
6 " NINE " "	54	14	4	2	46	2	-	-	-	-	757.2	880
58 " TEN OR MORE " "	971	228	57	73	776	52	13	-	-	-	14,682.2	17,070
254 TOTAL	1,579	313	145	115	1209	78	29	2	1	-	22,864.2	26,561

TABLE II -- 1 TEACHER SCHOOLS IN TEXAS - COLORED

No Counties and Schools	No of Schools	No with less than 8 mos Term	Number of Grades Taught							Average Daily attendance	Enrollment	
			5 or less	6	7	8	9	10	11			
154 Counties have NO 1-Teacher Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	----	----
18 have ONE Teacher Schs	18	10	1	-	14	1	1	1	-	-	327.5	421
6 " TWO " "	12	7	1	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	191.1	245
8 " THREE " "	24	8	-	-	21	2	1	-	-	-	548.4	703
11 " FOUR " "	44	11	3	2	37	2	-	-	-	-	932.4	1,192
6 " FIVE " "	30	8	-	-	29	1	-	-	-	-	652.3	838
3 " SIX " "	18	7	-	2	16	-	-	-	-	-	333.4	427
4 " SEVEN " "	28	9	-	3	25	-	-	-	-	-	478.6	612
5 " EIGHT " "	40	14	-	1	39	-	-	-	-	-	1,017.6	1,305
3 " NINE " "	27	12	-	1	26	-	-	-	-	-	451.0	582
38 " TEN OR MORE	656	287	11	43	586	5	1	-	10	-	16,010.5	20,526
254 TOTAL	897	373	16	53	803	11	3	1	10	-	20,942.8	26,851

The situation in regard to the Negro 1-teacher schools is reflected in these facts and figures.

There are 190 1-teacher Negro schools in independent school districts and 897 in the common school districts of the State. Table II on the preceding page gives much additional information about these schools in the common school districts.

It is interesting to note that the enrollment in White 1-teacher schools is slightly less than the enrollment in the Negro 1-teacher schools; but that only 2.75% of the total White enrollment is in rural 1-teacher schools while more than 12% of the Negro pupils are in such schools.

There is also much misconception in regard to the length of the school term in these 1-teacher schools if the County Superintendents' Reports are giving a true picture of the situation, and we believe the reports are reliable.

Only 313 White 1-teacher schools had terms of less than 8 months, while more than that number operated nine months.

There were 373 Negro 1-teacher schools which operated less than 7 months in 1938-39, but at the same time there were many Negro schools which operated 8 or 9 months.

The millenium in school affairs has not dawned in Texas -- far from it! Never-the-less we should not hide our heads under the cover of out-dated statistics and refuse to see the first pale morning light which tells of a brighter, more splendid day which is coming into existence for the new streamlined Texas School System of 1940.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK
FAIRS - OCTOBER 1939

HOME DEMONSTRATION EXHIBITS

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

The gradual improvement in rural homemaking and farming which Negro agricultural leaders are doing in 33 Texas counties among home demonstration club women and 4-H club girls was graphically demonstrated in an Extension Service exhibit in the Agricultural Building at the State Fair of Texas, October 7-22, 1939, at Dallas, Texas. Thirty-three counties participating in this exhibit made 877 entries of canned products (in glass jars), clothing and home improvement articles. Pear preserves led in canned goods with 53 entries, kitchen outfits (apron and cap) led in clothing with 31 entries and candlewick spreads led in home improvement with 20 entries. A revival of interest in fairs was evidenced by the large number of exhibits, increased attendance, care given to preparing and arranging entries and the superior quality of exhibits entered over those of previous years. Twenty-five of the 33 counties competing in the State Fair exhibit were included on the list of prize winners.

SOUTH TEXAS STATE FAIR

Sixteen counties in the Southern Division sent an exhibit of quality canned products, clothing articles, and home improvement work to the South Texas Fair at Beaumont, Texas, October 26-November 4, 1939. The exhibit was outstanding and won the praise of visitors. One hundred and sixty-five prizes were awarded, 88 of these were won by the home county, Jefferson. The sweepstake prize also went to Jefferson County.

RUSK COUNTY

Home demonstration club women and 4-H club girls put up a very creditable exhibit at the Rusk County Fair. The exhibit consisted of 300 containers of canned vegetables and fruits, 82 articles of clothing and household linen. There were also three educational exhibits; one showed the frame garden, tools with which to cultivate it, canning equipment and containers of vegetables which may be canned from products that can be grown in a frame garden. The second one showed the use of whole grain and foods made from grain including corn, corn meal and corn muffins; milo maize, milo flour and milo muffins; and oats, oatmeal and oatmeal cookies. In this display was a small inexpensive, but satisfactory hand mill that the average family can afford, which was used to grind the grains. The third educational display was a miniature home showing good arrangement of out-houses, barns, orchard, and garden, emphasizing cleanliness, proper drainage and convenient well kept lawn, landscaped with flowers and shrubbery.

ANDERSON COUNTY

The Anderson County Fair was held at the Texas Fruit Palace, October 9-14. In the home demonstration exhibit there were 593 entries of sewing and 412 entries of canned and dried products. A ventilated pantry showing stored canned products correctly labeled and placed in the pantry comprised the educational exhibit. Women and girls from 18 different communities exhibited products. The Fair Committee gave \$150.00 in money as prizes. Approximately 10,000 persons visited the display and complimented the women on their fine work.

KAUFMAN COUNTY

A Downtown Display of home and farm products was sponsored by the County Home Demonstration Council October 27-28. One hundred and twenty-five home demonstration club women and girls from 12 communities made entries, totaling 330 in canned products and clothing articles.

The grand prize for the largest single exhibit was awarded to Mrs Fannie Davis, Wilson community. Mrs Davis had 16 entries, 7 of these won prizes. The grand prize was an upholstered rocker which was given by a local furniture store. A prize of \$2.50 in groceries given by a local merchant went to Mesdames Louise and Cornelia Punch, Shady Grove community for their mattress entry. For the best handiwork, Mrs Julia Raven, Wilson community, received a kitchen stool and a pair of hose on a quilt. In this same class, Mrs Daisy Malone, Wilson community received a mirror and a pair of hose.

WHARTON COUNTY The Wharton County Home Demonstration Council sponsored a display of home demonstration work at the Wharton-Matagorda County Fair that was held at the Wharton County Fair Grounds October 17-21. Ninety-six persons enrolled in girls' and women's clubs displayed articles of home improvement work, clothing, and 365 containers of canned foods. Eleven of the women who displayed articles have participated in the council display for seven consecutive years. The high point winners were: Mrs Sulvia Williams, Burr community, who won 23 ribbons of which 12 were first premium, 8 second, and three third premiums. The second high point winner, Mrs Annie Mae Alridge of Mt Scilla community, won 14 premiums of which 6 were first place, 4 second place and 4 third place. Lillian Bryant of the Girls' Club of Mt Scilla, along with Thelma Armstrong, Lillie Mae Fisher of Mt Scilla were the high point winners for the girls and received awards from the Fair Association for their outstanding work.

MATAGORDA COUNTY For the second consecutive year the home demonstration clubs in Matagorda County have joined those of Wharton County in placing a home demonstration exhibit. This year 15 clubs participated with a display of 231 entries of canned products and clothing articles. The object of the fair was to stimulate interest in growing and conserving better products at home, to improve methods of plain sewing, and to make their bedrooms more livable and comfortable. Forty-seven prizes were won by the women and girls of Matagorda County.

FAYETTE COUNTY The values gained from community fairs in 1938 encouraged a similar endeavor for 1939. As a result 8 communities sponsored community fairs during the month of October, namely; Colony, Halstead, Mt Zion, Meckleberg, Ledbetter, Round Top, Ellinger and Prairie Valley. Canned fruits and vegetables numbering 1,800 and 1,200 articles of clothing and farm products were displayed. The exhibit represented the types of activities home demonstration club women and girls have engaged in during the year. Interesting features conducted at the fairs included recreational and achievement programs and the presentation of demonstrator and cooperator stories.

SMITH COUNTY There were 1,012 entries of canned products, 762 articles of clothing, rugs and household linens, exhibited by 492 4-H Club girls' and women's home demonstration club members at the East Texas Fair, September 18-23. Eleven clubs sponsored educational exhibits, namely: Mt Olive, Clayton, Waters Bluff, Coles Hill, Jackson, Mt Olly, Antioch, Lanes Chapel and Spring Creek. The main theme of these educational exhibits was "More Foods and Feed on Texas Farms." The special feature of the Mt Olive educational exhibit was a frame garden showing correct ways of irrigation and planting dates. Another interesting display was a poultry exhibit by the Starville home demonstration club showing a before and after improvement section of the poultry house.

The before picture showed chickens roosting in trees and improperly fed, while the after picture showed the modern methods of caring for a flock of chickens with all improvements. Various ways of serving meats was one phase of an educational exhibit, whole grain products showing the various ingredients that are used in making muffins, and rolls from whole grain was also an interesting educational exhibit. Prizes totaling \$179.00 were awarded.

GREGG COUNTY The home demonstration clubs cooperated with the County Fair Association and helped to stage one of the best fairs of the county. The county council's educational exhibit featured yard improvement, a well planned farm homestead with home, garage, smokehouse and wash-house combined; well with pump; pit toilet, clothes line, poultry house and yard; and barn were placed on the plan. All buildings were painted white and covered with green composition roofing. Shrubs were planted at the foundation of the house, and trees appropriately arranged were planted for shade and background. Necessary walks were laid and grass planted. Fences were used where necessary and a rose garden was made at the back side. A placard gave the points in yard improvement which were demonstrated in miniature. Eighty women exhibited individually in the canned food and textile departments. There were 364 containers of food and 65 articles of clothing in the adult department. The 22 4-H club girls doing senior requirements this year exhibited 54 containers of food and 49 articles of clothing. Junior girls numbering 28 exhibited 35 containers of food and 25 articles of clothing. The winners received a total of \$74.75 in prizes.