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W O J Baker

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE - PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

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- 2. Inter-Collegiate Relay and Tennis Tournament - April 11-13
- 3. The Maccabees - Miss E D May - Messrs L & Fortis and J J Abernethy - April 12
- 4. State Interscholastic League Meet Class AA Schools - April 13
- 5. State Interscholastic League Meet Classes C and D Schools - April 19
- 6. State Interscholastic League Meet Class A Schools - April 20
- 7. State Interscholastic League Meet Class B Schools - April 20-21 - May 1

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HERD COLLISON
Office of the President
NEWS LETTER

March 1, 1940

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State Normal and
Industrial College
Prairie View, Texas
April - 1940

President Banks:

Dr. Stacy May of the Rockefeller Foundation tells me when he recently visited your college he was thrilled to discover the most intelligent work of linking the community and the college is being done. He has discovered in a search for such development in a Prairie View, Texas.

Consequently, if you have any general description of what is being done in your college, I would appreciate it if you would send me copies. If you or any members of your staff come to this part of the world, I would appreciate it if you would pay us a visit.

Yours sincerely,

W O J Baker
President

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April 29-30 - May 1

B - A LETTER -

REED COLLEGE
Office of the President
Portland, Oregon

March 4, 1940

"President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State Normal and
Industrial College
Prairie View, Texas

Dear President Banks:

Dr. Stacy May of the Rockefeller Foundation tells me that when he recently visited your college he was thrilled to discover the most intelligent work of linking the community and the college in dealing with general community problems which he had yet discovered in a long and conscientious search for such developments.

Consequently, if you have any general description of what you are doing along this line, or have any materials indicating the general procedure followed, I would appreciate it very much if you would send me copies. If you or any members of your staff come to this part of the world, I would appreciate it if you would pay us a visit.

Yours sincerely,

/s/D M Keyes
President

DMK:ms

C - ANOTHER LETTER -

HUNTER CLINIC
Sanitarium - Bath House
A L Hunter, M D
Marlin, Texas

"Principal W. R. Banks
Prairie View College
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Sir:

Permit me to thank you and Dr. Franklin, and others for the very high type of entertainment given me during my stay in your institution, during the past Post Graduate Medical Course. All phases of entertainment to my mind were par excellent.

May I say this also, the deportment of the student body seem to have improved greatly, which I hope will continue. And as you expressed it to me in conversation I see no reason why "Prairie View should not be the Educational Capitol" of Texas.

Thanks very much,

Respectfully,

/s/ A. L. Hunter, M D"

D - A TELEGRAM -

WESTERN
UNION

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 21, 1940

"MR. W. R. BANKS
PRAIRIE VIEW
TEXAS

GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD AUTHORIZED \$1,250 FOR PROGRAM OF RURAL SCHOOL
TEACHERS ACCORDANCE YOUR LETTER FEBRUARY 12TH WRITING.

W. W. BRIERLEY

E - FROM THE NEWSPAPER -

- NEGRO FARM PROJECT AT PRAIRIE VIEW OPENS -

"WALLER, March 26 - (SP) - Applications from Negro tenant farmers for farms in the Waller farm project are being received, project officials announced. The project is located adjoining the campus of Prairie View college and consists of 14 units of approximately 140 acres each and will be administered and supervised by the farm security administration under the same terms as the Bankhead-Jones act, officials said. J. J. Elick is farm security administrator for the project."

-- The Houston Post

I - THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND -

F - HONOR ROLL -

The distribution of the Honor Roll Students is as follows:

1. By classes -

(a) Seniors -----	25
(b) Juniors -----	11
(c) Sophomores -----	3
(d) Freshmen -----	9
Total -----	<u>48</u>

2. By Divisions -

(a) Arts and Sciences -----	23
(b) Home Economics -----	17
(c) Agriculture -----	4
(d) Mechanic Arts -----	2
(e) Nurse Training -----	2
Total -----	<u>48</u>

3. By Sex -

(a) Male -----	12
(b) Female -----	36
Total -----	<u>48</u>

4. The highest ranking students in scholarship -

- (a) Donald Brooks
- (b) Geraldine Washington

G - SUMMER SCHOOL -

The enrollment in the Freshman and Sophomore classes, for the Summer School, 1939, was 68 students. There has been a steady decline in the student enrollment in these classes for the past five years. The marked increases in enrollment are coming in the Junior, Senior, Special and Graduate students. We are again facing the problem of setting up a faculty for an average of 68 students in the first two years college classes in the summer school, from a faculty staff that served more than six hundred (600) in the

regular session. Consequently, it has become necessary to greatly reduce the size of the faculty for the summer school this year as it relates to the Freshman and Sophomore classes.

H - YARD BEAUTIFICATION -

Now that the spring is here, we want to urge all those who have cottages to see that flowers and shrubbery are planted and lawns mowed regularly. It is the policy of the institution to have the campus beautiful at all times. Let us keep a close check on our premises.

I - THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND -

- 1 Our pledges to Houston Y M C A Building Fund
- 2 The next Faculty Entertainment
- 3 Our Community Chest Dues
- 4 Join the Prairie View Credit Union

J - THE INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE -

The dates of the Texas Interscholastic League Meet have been indicated in the above. Professor Waller, as usual, will call upon all of us to help take part in judging and handling events. This is a regular school assignment and every one is requested to cooperate in the usual fine way. If anyone finds it impossible to serve, I am asking that this inability be made known to me in advance.

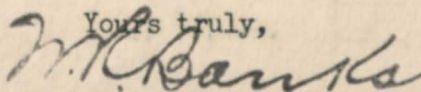
K - AND FINALLY -

Prairie View State College believes that -

"A school should be the center of the community. It should be sensitive to the needs of the community and in cooperation with the parents plan a program that will make the best use of all available resources. Such an environment should stimulate pupils to engage in many activities. Through participating in planning, executing, and evaluating their work, they will learn to think and to use the facts and tools of learning. They should find the school a vital place in which it is good to live."

- Dr L S Tireman
University of New Mexico

Yours truly,



W R Banks
Principal

P S - Meeting usual place and time

WRB