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NEWS LETTER

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE - PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

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A CALENDAR -

- 1 Coordinated Institute June 2-7
- 2 Registration for Summer Session June 7
- 3 Annual Session Texas Colored Nurses Association June 9-10-11
- B FACULTY STUDYING THIS SUMMER AS FOLLOWS -
 - 1 Miss Ella Mae Campbell University of Michigan
 - 2 Professor H W Carter University of Ohio
 - 3 Professor C E Carpenter University of Iowa
 - 4 Professor W M Booker University of Chicago
 - 5 Mrs R B Isaac University of Southern California
 - 6 Miss Julia G Lewis Boston University
 - 7 Miss Ethel M Griggs Columbia University
 - 8 Professor A W Randall University of Iowa
 - 9 Professor G L Smith Kansas State College
 - 10 Professor R S Byrd Iowa State

C TO STUDY - 1940-41

- 1 Professor G L Smith on Ph D Kansas State College
- 2 Professor W R Harrison complete Ph D Cornell
- 3 Professor G W Morton complete Ph D Columbia
- 4 Professor G A Lockett on Ph D California

D RETURNING -

1 Professor A C Lamb A M - University of Iowa Professor Lamb won distinction in Dramatic Production during the Regular Session.

E FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL

- 1 Miss A Elizabeth Catlett A M University of Iowa Miss Catlett has done outstanding work in the field of ART and SCULPTURE while in College. She has won several valuable prizes in the field of ART.
- 2 Mrs Joy Bell Sinyard-Ross B S Prairie View M S Kansas State Mrs Ross has had experience as teacher in the Public Schools in Texas, County Home Demonstration Agent and Jeanes Supervisor. She is a capable young woman and will bring to Prairie View a wealth of experience and training. Her work will be in the Home Arts Division.
- 3 Miss Allee W James B S Prairie View M S Kansas State Miss James has had wide and successful experience as a teacher of Homemaking and as an Area Supervisor. Because of her accomplishments in the field of Homemaking, she is being brought to Prairie View for the benefit of the Summer students of Home Economics.

- 4 Professor Thomas G Laster A B A M Professor Laster has been connected with Tennessee State College, Nashville, Tennessee, and he comes to Prairie View for the Summer as instructor in Psychology and Guidance. He has completed most of the work for the Ph D degree in Psychology at the University of Minnesota.
- 5 Dr T E McKinney A B A M Ph D

Dr McKinney has been for several years Dean of Johnson C Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina. He is one of the best known educators in the country and has written much in this field. We are fortunate in having him to teach Graduate courses in Administration and Supervision.

F AND NOW TO THE GRADUATING CLASS 1940

"I want to feel that this Baccalaureate service commissions you to go forth and join whole-heartedly those fallant men and women who are courageously taxing their strength and genius to bring to all humanity the realization of a new world and a Better Day.

Let me warn you against the most subtle and potent evil of the day and that is crowd morality. Too frequently high peaks of respect and promise, for the sake of crowd popularity, have been leveled down to the mediocrity of the crowd's cheap standards. It is tragic and pathetic when fine character has been "reduced to the lowest Common Denominator."

The Examiner believes that the State Department of advention

AND FINALLY -

"The longer I live and the More I see, Of the struggle of souls towards heights above The stronger this truth comes home to me! That the Universe rests on the shoulders of love, A love so limitless, deep and broad, That men have re-named it, And called it God."

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effort to aid in developing the gradue 2 Youps nks this matter can be adequately handled

Principal

P S - Meeting Thursday evening June 6, 1940 - 7:30 o'clock. WRB

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Austin, Texas

May 21, 1940

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

Prairie View, Texas

TO THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS:

On May 18, 1940, I visited Prairie View College, and wish to submit herewith a report of the visit.

The College is operated this year about as in the years past except graduate work has been offered this year in agricultural education, home economics and education. The administration has continued its policy of encouraging faculty members to study and some sixteen will go away this summer to pursue courses toward higher degrees.

It seems to the Examiner that one of the serious problems confronting the State of Texas today is its program for graduate work in the field of negro education. We discussed this matter at length with Principal Banks. We are agreed that this work should be done at Prairie View. The administration at this institution is pursuing a wise policy of introducing the work gradually and in such departments as the library and teaching staff will justify. We believe that eventually the necessary graduate work, except in the fields of law and medicine, may be given at this institution.

One serious handicap to this graduate program, in addition to the lack of a properly prepared faculty, is an inadequate library. Prairie View College should have a new library building, costing not less than \$150,000, and an increased appropriation for library books and supplies as well as an increased staff.

The Examiner believes that the State Department of Education should cooperate with the authorities of this institution and lend every effort in an attempt to secure a suitable library building and adequate appropriation for the library. It should also put forth every possible effort to aid in developing the graduate program for this College. If this matter can be adequately handled and properly solved at a relatively early date, Texas may be spared much embarrassment.

I recommend that Prairie View College be retained on the approved list of senior colleges for negroes.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Hereford College Examiner

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