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*Mr. O. J. Baker*

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NEWS LETTER

OCTOBER - 1940

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

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## A CALENDAR -

- 1 Football - Prairie View-Texas College - Here - October 5
- 2 Conference of Extension Agents (Southern Area) - October 10-11
- 3 Conference on Teacher Education - October 10-11-12
- 4 Prairie View vs Wiley - Dallas - October 14
- 5 Alpha Pi Mu - October 25
- 6 Arkansas State vs Prairie View (Homecoming) - October 26
- 7 THE SOUTHERNAIRES - October 27
- 8 Halloween - October 31

## B DR CHARLES E WHITE -

Dr White was graduated from Prairie View State College in 1937, and immediately entered the school of Optometry in Chicago. This is the foremost college of its kind in America. He was graduated with distinction in the Spring of 1940 and made a creditable showing in the State Examination in August. His office is located at 2516 Elgin Avenue, Houston, Texas, where he is amply prepared to render skillful service in Optometry. We wish to congratulate Dr White for his accomplishments and heartily recommend him to the Prairie View family for expert eye examination and glasses properly fitted.

## C DALLAS GAME -

On October 14, 1940, Prairie View and Wiley Colleges will play a game of Football on Negro Day at the Texas Fair in Dallas, Texas. This football Classic attracts state-wide attention and several thousand people will witness this game. Those of the staff who desire to attend will please let us know not later than October 10.

## D THE SOUTHERNAIRES -

We are happy to announce that the world famous Radio Artists, THE SOUTHERNAIRES, will appear at Prairie View State College Sunday afternoon, October 27, 1940. This attraction is made possible through the cooperation of the College, the Public, Faculty Community Chest and the Student activity. Hence, the charges to witness this event will not exceed that of ROLAND HAYES. This is a rare opportunity for our school family and community.

## E STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION -

The Annual State Teachers Association will be held next month at Marshall, Texas. The people of Marshall are planning to conveniently and comfortably care for all of those who attend. Prairie View has made a practice of excusing all employees who are members of the Association to attend. Whether we attend or not, it is important that we enroll as members of the organization. It was pleasing to see the number of our teachers here enroll last year. It is our hope that we shall break the last year's record in enrollments. For your convenience, Professor G W Reeves, has been appointed the official solicitor for memberships at Prairie View State College.



## F THE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT -

We are pleased to announce that the contract for the fourteen (14) homes for the Resettlement Project, between the college and the station, has been let. Mr I J Collier, formerly the Construction Foreman at the College, was the successful bidder. The fourteen homes will be ready for occupancy on or by January 15, 1941.

## G THE BAND

Mr Bennett, our Band Director, has just disclosed the information that the Band, this year, will run near 100 members. This is an excellent showing! We shall have the largest band to go to Dallas, October 14, in the history of the school. We wish to congratulate the Band Organization.

## H THE THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- 1 Mr Buchanan is ready to receive payment of dues to the Community Chest. It is our sincere hope that we may have 100% participation this school year in this praiseworthy activity.
- 2 Dr Smith reports that the Faculty Credit Union is growing and doing a fine business. This organization is ready at any time to be of service to staff members.
- 3 The Committees on Faculty Entertainments are beginning to map plans for a greater program of entertainments of the faculty this year than previously. We want to commend this movement as being worthy of the 100% cooperation of every loyal employee of Prairie View State College. Mr Buchanan will be our Treasurer again this year.
- 4 The Negro Division of the Southwestern Area Council of the YMCA has been offered \$2600 by the National YMCA on condition that the Negroes of this area raise \$1000. The amount of \$3600 will be used to pay the salary of a full-time Secretary for this area — Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Plans are now being worked out to raise the \$1000 on or by the convening of our Leadership Institute, December 6, 1940. A full-time man will mean much for the "Y" in the Southwest. We have been given the responsibility of raising the \$1000. Therefore, we are forced to ask our many friends for a small contribution. The \$1000 must be raised!
- 5 The enrollment in all Departments of the College is 1225.

## I HENRY CHARLES SCHUHMACHER -

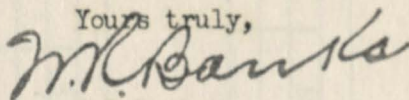
Words are inadequate in any attempt to express our grief in the passing of the Chairman of the Prairie View Committee, of the Board of Directors for sixteen (16) years, HENRY CHARLES SCHUHMACHER, of Houston, Texas. Prairie View State College has never had a more sincere friend and ardent advocate than the late Mr Schuhmacher. He always thought and worked in terms of the highest welfare and interest of Prairie View.

F AND FINALLY -

In his address to the people of France, Marshall Petain made this significant statement -

"Our defeat was due to our laxity. The spirit of enjoyment destroyed what the spirit of sacrifice had built."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. R. Banks". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

W R Banks  
Principal

P S - Meeting usual place and time

WRB



SUMMARY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT NEGRO ACCREDITED SCHOOLS IN TEXAS  
SCHOOL YEAR 1939-1940

Groups	No	Average Number Classes Taught	Average No. Yrs College Work	Average Salary	Length of Term (Mos.)	Average High School Enrollment	Average Number of Library Books
<u>Group I - Class A</u>							
Principals	12	.16	4.89	\$2218.99			
High School Teachers	361	5.27	4.16	1047.05			
Length of Term					9		
Average High School Enrollment						1217	
Average No of Library Books Per School							2782

Group I - Class B

Principals	5	1.8	4.80	1284.00			
High School Teachers	37	5.19	3.97	730.97			
Length of Term					9		
Average High School Enrollment						323	
Average No. of Library Books Per School							1007

Group I - Class C

Principals	20	2.95	4.40	1338.07			
High School Teachers	107	4.97	4.0	873.98			
Length of Term					9		
Average High School Enrollment						169	
Average No of Library Books Per School							679

Group I - Class D

Principals	65	3.95	4.30	1232.34			
High School Teachers	260	5.10	3.95	836.62			
Length of Term					9		
Average High School Enrollment						96	
Average No. of Library Books Per School							500



NUMBER OF BEDS, ALL HOSPITALS, PER 1,000 POPULATION

1938

In the following table, based on the Journal of the American Medical Association, Hospital Number, March 11, 1939, the states are ranked according to the number of beds in all hospitals per 1,000 population. The table covers all General hospitals, Nervous and Mental, Tuberculosis, Maternity, Industrial, and Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat.

New York has 14.01 beds in all hospitals for each 1,000 inhabitants, and Mississippi 4.39. North Carolina ranks 45th with 5.05 beds per 1,000 inhabitants.

United States average 8.9 beds per 1,000 population, or nearly twice the North Carolina average.

Rank	State	Number beds per 1,000 Pop	Rank	State	Number beds per 1,000 Pop
1	New York	14.01	25	Pennsylvania	8.51
2	Massachusetts	13.76	26	Ohio	8.06
3	Colorado	12.54	26	Iowa	8.06
4	Rhode Island	12.12	28	South Dakota	7.86
5	Maryland	11.75	29	Missouri	7.70
6	Wyoming	11.59	30	Nebraska	7.69
7	Minnesota	11.53	31	Kansas	7.64
8	Arizona	11.75	32	Virginia	7.62
9	California	11.42	33	Louisiana	7.12
10	Washington	11.18	34	Utah	6.95
11	Delaware	11.05	35	Indiana	6.92
12	New Hampshire	10.83	36	Florida	6.77
13	Wisconsin	10.64	37	Idaho	6.70
14	Oregon	10.60	38	Oklahoma	5.98
15	Connecticut	10.56	39	Texas	5.59
16	Illinois	10.39	40	Kentucky	5.38
17	New Jersey	10.27	41	West Virginia	5.37
18	Vermont	9.97	42	South Carolina	5.35
19	Nevada	9.38	43	Tennessee	5.27
20	Michigan	9.69	44	Georgia	5.21
20	Montana	9.69	45	North Carolina	5.05
20	New Mexico	9.69	46	Arkansas	4.74
23	Maine	8.64	47	Alabama	4.53
24	North Dakota	8.57	48	Mississippi	4.39