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## PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE ##
## Prairie View, Texas ##
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## A CALENDAR -

- 1 Area "Y" Conference of Colleges - November 3
- 2 The AAA Conference of County and Home Agents - November 7-8-9
- 3 Football - Prairie View-Bishop - Marshall - November 11
- 4 Armistice Day - November 11
- 5 Thanksgiving - November 21
- 6 Football - Prairie View-Langston at Langston, Oklahoma - November 23
- 7 Football - Prairie View-Southern at Prairie View - November 28
- 8 December -
  - a The "Y" Leadership Institute - December 6-7-8
  - b Faculty Entertainment - December 10

## B HOUSING -

The housewives have been very considerate in opening their homes for delegates who come to Prairie View for the various meetings. If it were not for this kindness, it would be impossible for the college to render the service it does for the state. In this connection, we desire to call attention to two important meetings before Christmas, where we shall be forced to ask our housewives to help house the delegates, viz -

- a The AAA Conference of County and Home Agents - Nov 7-8-9
- b The "Y" Leadership Institute - December 6-7-8

We shall ask assistance in taking care of the County Agents who will pay for their lodging. In the case of the "Y" Leadership Institute, it is our custom to house these delegates free. We shall appreciate your continued consideration in the matter of cooperating in housing the guests of the college.

## C DR BENJAMIN E MAYES -

We are happy to announce that Dr Benjamin E Mayes, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, will be the guest speaker for the next "Y" Leadership Institute at Prairie View State College. We are indeed fortunate in securing the services of this educator who has won for himself world reputation as an outstanding THINKER and SPEAKER.

## D TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION -

The State Association of Colored Teachers, will convene in Marshall, Texas, November 21-22-23. Those of our staff members who desire to attend this annual Meeting, are officially excused to do so, provided a written request is made before these dates, so their work may be arranged for, during their absence. We desire to have as many employees enroll as possible. Professor G W Reeves is our official solicitor of memberships. See him and become a member of the Teachers' Association.

#### E HOUSTON Y M C A BUILDING -

During the Campaign to raise funds for the New YMCA Building in Houston, Texas, the faculty members at Prairie View pledged \$842. This was splendid. To date \$244 in pledges is still due. We want to urge that those who pledged, in good faith, send in something on the amount this month, however small it might be. The Campaign Committee would be greatly encouraged if we give prompt attention to these unpaid pledges.

#### F LIGHTS AND WATER -

A casual observer could not appreciate the problem of lights and water at Prairie View in the absence of facts. In 1926 a Ball Generator was installed in the Steam Plant with a capacity, we thought then, that would take care of our needs for electrical energy for 30 years. Due to the rapid expansion of the Physical Plant and the installation of modern equipment, it was soon obvious that we had outgrown the capacity of this electrical unit. Four years ago - 1936 - we spent \$20,000 for a new Generator unit. Because of the expansion of the college plant, this unit is now far inadequate to take care of our electrical needs. It would be surprising, I am certain, to know that our daily water consumption, at Prairie View, is 300,000 gallons.

The above information is given to show the enormous cost of maintaining an adequate electric and water supply. This is given with the point of raising the suggestion of everyone cooperating in the matter of conserving electricity and water. Please see that there are no unnecessary lights burning at any time, and also, report to Mr C L Wilson, where there are leaking pipes and faucets.

#### G NATIONAL ELECTION -

The National Election, Tuesday, November 5, 1940, is the most important in the history of America. It is very important that intelligence be used in voting, for every ballot cast in this election, points towards definite conviction of our conception and understanding of the American way of life. Every person holding a Poll Tax receipt should vote next Tuesday.

#### H THINGS TO KEEP BEFORE US -

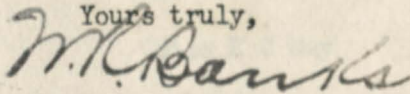
- 1 The Community Chest. This is one of the most important activities the faculty has undertaken in a quarter of a century.
- 2 The Prairie View State College Credit Union. The valuable service this organization is rendering here, justifies the constant calling attention to the wisdom of being connected with it.
- 3 State Teachers' Association. Our professional interest is measured, very largely, by the number of Educational Organizations with which we identify ourselves. Are you a member of the State Association of Colored Teachers?

- 4 Faculty Entertainment. December 10, has been designated as the date for the first general entertainment of the Prairie View faculty. Dr A K Smith is the efficient Chairman of the Committee on Program and Arrangements, and, in consequence, we may know what to expect. We are anxious to see a 100% cooperation with this valuable activity. See Mr Buchanan and pay your dues for the year, which are only \$1.00 for each person.

AND FINALLY -

The strivings of humanity, in all ages, have been for the kind of security that would produce and guarantee permanent peace and abiding happiness. It is an accepted fact that before one drinks of the cup of happiness and security, he must first be willing to sacrifice and bleed.

Yours truly,



W R Banks  
Principal

P S - Meeting usual time and place.

WRB

## SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

In following the plan of carrying the FACULTY SYMPOSIUM into the Student Group, I am reminding you of the date you are to appear in the College Auditorium, at the regular assembly period on Thursdays and Fridays:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
December 5, 1940	Mr S E Warren
January 9, 1941	Dr T R Solomon
January 10, 1941	Dr F G Davis
January 23, 1941	Mr H A Bullock
January 24, 1941	Dr R P Perry
February 6, 1941	Mr Lee C Phillip
February 7, 1941	Miss E C May
February 13, 1941	Miss A L Campbell
February 14, 1941	Dr E M Norris

This appearance is to be in the form of a Panel or Forum with students and faculty members. The time should be so arranged as not to exceed the allotted period.

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GOOD LETTERS

CARNEGIE CORPORATION  
Of New York  
522 Fifth Avenue  
New York

Office of The Secretary

October 18, 1940

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

Dear President Banks

We are glad to be able to tell you that the Trustees of the Corporation on October 17, 1940, appropriated \$4,500 payable in three equal instalments, to Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, for development of its library through purchase of books for general undergraduate reading.

The conditions under which the grant will be made operative are set forth in the enclosed memorandum.

Sincerely yours

/s/ Robert M Lester  
Secretary

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
Department of Physiology

Oct. 22, 1940

Dear President Banks:

It was very kind of you to allow your Mr Walter Booker, time off to come to Chicago to give a demonstration to members of the congress of Anesthetists of United States and Canada. He is bringing you the official list of the demonstrations given to about 60 men and women who practice Anesthesia in the various parts of this country and Canada. His own demonstration was excellently given and provoked a great number of questions and discussion. He did very well indeed in answering the various inquiries from the ladies and gentlemen present. A common remark, because of the practical aspects, was that more surgeons should have witnessed it. Many on leaving thanked Mr Booker personally for giving them well something very instructive to them. I thought you should know this.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Amos B Luckhardt

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR  
 PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
 Prairie View, Texas  
 1939-1940

W H Wiggins - Registrar

- ENROLLMENT 1939-1940 -

	Regular Session			Summer			Year Total
	First Semester	Second Semester	Both Semesters	1st Term	2nd Term	Both Terms	
Graduate	16	32	39	133	93	159	180
Senior	133	127	142	182	172	197	273
Junior	142	147	160	171	138	203	310
Sophomore	179	167	196	59	58	71	248
Freshman	439	411	490	47	17	48	524
Special	32	26	39	55	41	76	112
Unclassified	3	6	3	25	26	31	34
Total College	944	916	1069	672	540	785	1,687
Demonstration Schools	89	89	89	50	40	50	92
Correspondence	16	8	24	-	-	-	24
Extension	239	239	239	-	-	-	239
NYA Trainees	108	107	215	-	93	93	308
Contract Students	54	45	99	95	98	98	179
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>2,761</b>

The enrollment above represents 22 states other than Texas, and the District of Columbia; 112 Texas counties; and 241 cities and towns. Church preferences include 16 denominations.

For the regular session the age range of college students was 15-59 years, with 75.2 percent of the ages being between 17 and 21 years.



REPORT OF FINDINGS COMMITTEE  
TEACHER TRAINING CONFERENCE

October 16-18, 1940

Mrs A P Wilson, Chairman

Realizing that interpretations and expressions of opinion may take on definite personal aspects, the members of the committee on findings have listed a few general implications for teacher-training divisions of the Negro colleges represented:

- 1 That colleges need to extend the facilities for training more thoroughly teachers for rural elementary schools.
  - 2 That such training in the designated institutions include specific techniques and areas of experience that will bring about the integration of intra-school and community activities.
  - 3 That college instruction in courses designed for teachers in rural schools be similar in technique to the types of instruction which should be used in rural situations.
  - 4 That in the training of rural elementary teachers a definite need be realized for a re-direction of the music program.
  - 5 That prospective teachers be given instruction to direct more attention to the needs, interests and abilities of individual pupils.
  - 6 That prospective teachers sense better opportunities for using instructional material in connection with their attempts at integration.
  - 7 That the training of teachers for rural areas include specific knowledges and embrace experience in the spirit and practice of a co-ordinated community program.
  - 8 That teacher training institutions emphasize the fact that educational results must be measured, finally, in terms of change brought about in people rather than things; and that physical changes are means to and evidence of this end.
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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACCREDITING OF TEXAS NEGRO HIGH SCHOOLS - 1940-41

	Group I				Group II
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class A
Number of years in course	4	4	4	4	4
Length of term in months	9	9	9	9	9
Minimum yearly salary	\$ 810	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 625
No units required for graduation	16	16	16	16	12
No volumes in Library	1500	600	400	300	200
No science courses offered	2	1	1	1	1
Length of recitation periods (Minutes)	45	45	45	45	45
Maximum number of daily classes per teacher	6	6	6	6	7
Training of elementary and high school teachers - same as in accredited white school system					
Maximum average daily attendance per class	40	40	40	40	40
Minimum average daily attendance	300	200	100	40	30
Minimum number High School teachers	9	6	4	3	2

Other conditions obtaining for the accrediting of Negro high schools are:

- 1 Adequate personnel records. These will be determined by the State Department of Education.
- 2 Adequate library record with the accession book
- 3 Certification: At least first class four-year high school certificates for all high school teachers and no second class certificates for elementary teachers.
- 4 Buildings: The location of the buildings, the nature and condition of corridors, closets, water supply, furniture, apparatus, lighting, heating, ventilation, and method of cleaning must insure hygienic conditions for pupils and teachers.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE  
C H Waller - State Leader

"4-H CLUB BOY FEEDER CALVES A SUCCESS IN NAVARRO COUNTY"

Through the courtesies of Mr R L Knight, Secretary-Manager of the Corsicana Chamber of Commerce, Mr H C Robinson, County Agent and Mr A P Bralley, Assistant County Agent, it was made possible for H S Estelle, District Agent, to contact Mr Paul Eden, breeder of Hereford Cattle for Negro 4-H Club boys of Navarro County to feed out fifteen calves. W H Phillips, Negro Agricultural Agent for Navarro County, selected the boys for this job and the Department is very pleased with the selections made and results therefrom.

The following boys made profits of the amount shown below:

<u>BOY'S NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PURCHASING PRICE</u>	<u>SELLING PRICE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>NET GAIN</u>
Bernard Porter	Pelham	57.67	96.60	20.00	58.93
Modicia Hines	Elm Flat	58.55	112.80	15.00	69.25
Robert Walker, Jr	Elm Flat	62.92	116.40	10.00	63.48
Johnnie Alexander	Round Prairie	62.07	108.00	7.50	53.43
Arnett Smith	Round Prairie	62.08	105.75	5.00	48.67
Oscar Whitfield	Kerens	59.16	106.95	4.00	51.79
Maurice Page	Princeton	53.20	84.38	-----	31.18
Clint Moye	Round Prairie	60.56	76.65	-----	16.09
Arthur Ray Cook	Pelham	56.33	88.15	-----	31.82
T J Douglass, Jr	Pelham	50.36	80.00	-----	29.64
Cleo Wilson	Princeton	55.38	75.05	-----	19.67
Theo Porter	Pelham	56.44	79.95	-----	23.51
Brent Page	Round Prairie	62.61	88.85	-----	26.24
Calvin Holmes	Elm Flat	63.63	73.50	-----	9.89

Out of the fifteen calves, one did not reach the Fair, but was sold and a net gain of \$8.42 was realized.

What has been done in this County can be done in other parts of Texas and it is up to the Negro Farm Agents to do the same in their counties.

Congratulations to the boys, their parents, and all those who made this demonstration possible.