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Mr. O. J. Baker

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NEWS LETTER

December - 1940

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

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## A CALENDAR

- |   |  |                |
|---|--|----------------|
| 1 | Fourth "Y" Leadership Institute -----  | December 6-7-8 |
| 2 | Sermon - Dr Benjamin E Mays -----  | December 8     |
| 3 | Negro History Discussion - Professor S E Warren -----                          | December 5     |
| 4 | Faculty Entertainment -----  | December 10    |
| 5 | Student Day -----  | December 12    |
| 6 | Annual "Y" Entertainment -----   | December 14    |
| 7 | Football - Prairie View-Xavier - New Orleans -----                             | December 14    |
| 8 | Christmas Holidays - December 23 (close of school) to<br>December 30, 7:30 A M |                |
| 9 | January - 1941   |                |
|   | 1 New Year's Day Game - Prairie View-Alabama State -----                       | January 1      |

## B FOURTH "Y" LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The "Y" Leadership Institute is one of the most worthy and far-reaching movements that Prairie View has sponsored for the people of Texas. It has grown in interest and importance to the YMCA program for the Southwestern Area. Dr Mays will make his first address to men only, Friday evening, December 6 in the College Auditorium. Mr Hall has cut out the picture show for that night so that all the men on the campus can attend. It is the hope that there will be a large attendance of the campus people for the Sunday service.

## C FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT

Included in this letter is an announcement from Dr Smith to the faculty members regarding our Faculty Entertainment for December 10. We are anxious that there will be a 100% participation this year. Plans are being made for a most enjoyable and profitable evening. See Mr Buchanan if you have not already done so, and qualify for the first Faculty Entertainment.

## D CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Christmas Holidays have been set for December 23 (at the close of school) to December 30, 7:30 A M. Staff members whose work and duties will permit may use this time in any manner that suits their convenience and circumstance. It will not be possible to grant additional time because of distance, etc. It is my hope that each one of you will have a pleasant and profitable Christmas Season.

## E NEGRO HISTORY DISCUSSIONS

For the Negro History Discussions, it is the plan to extend the subject of the FACULTY FORUM in September, with student participation on the date or dates scheduled. The first of these discussions will be in charge of Professor S E Warren on December 5. This discussion will be followed by Dr T R Solomon on January 9.

F FACULTY DEBATE

No activity of the faculty has evinced as much interest as that of the ANNUAL FACULTY DEBATE. The debate this school year comes January 26. The set up will be as follows:

SUBJECT: Resolved that Texas Should Increase the tax on Natural Resources.

Affirmative

- a R W Hilliard
- b H E Wright
- c Mrs M A Sanders

Librarian

- d Miss T L Cunningham

Negative

- a J O Hopson
- b R A Smith
- c Miss A L Sheffield

Librarian

- d Miss C M Bradley

General Chairman

Dr R P Perry

G THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- 1 Membership in the Prairie View Credit Union - See Dr A K Smith
- 2 Your presence or participation is desired for the Faculty Entertainment - December 10 - Qualify with Mr Buchanan
- 3 Pay Community Chest dues - See Mr Buchanan
- 4 Do not forget your pledges to the Houston YMCA Building Fund. - Write Mr W C Craver - 1217 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas
- 5 The Red Cross is in need of funds - Consult Mr Abernethy

H AND FINALLY

Any representative Government is seriously threatened with great danger of disintegration so long as a majority of its citizens are in the lowest income brackets - where economic and social insecurity are wide-spread and unequal educational opportunities prevail

Yours truly,  
*W R Banks*  
W R Banks  
Principal

P S - Meeting usual time and place

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CURRENT RESEARCHES IN ANESTHESIA AND ANALGESIA  
Official Organ of the International Anesthesia Research Society  
318 Hotel Westlake  
Rocky River, O., USA

November 20, 1940

Dr Walter Booker  
Prairie View College  
Prairie View, Texas

My dear Dr. Booker:-

May I take this opportunity to thank you for aiding so materially in the success of the Congress of Anesthetists by presenting your research entitled "Circulatory and Respiratory Effects Resulting from the Traction on the Liver."

We would appreciate receiving this manuscript in order that we may publish it in our journal Current Researches in Anesthesia and Analgesia.

We greatly appreciate your making the trip from Texas to give the demonstration in Professor Luckhardt's laboratory, our members were very much interested in your work.

With best wishes for your continued success,  
I am,

Cordially yours,

/s/ Laurette McMechan  
Asst. Editor, Executive Secretary

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
Houston, Texas

November 23, 1940

Dear Friend:

You are one of the fifteen hundred Colored Citizens who subscribed more than \$60,000 to the Negro YMCA Building Fund. This was a magnificent achievement. As President of the Young Men's Christian Association, interested in the welfare of all youth in this city, I feel I ought to report the present situation to you.

With the Negroes promising sixty thousand dollars, our white people promised to do the rest. The building proposed was to cost in the neighborhood of \$185,000. A fine location was secured and the site bought at a cost of \$10,500. We expected to move forward without undue delay.

However, we have run into some difficulty. Of the \$60,000 pledged by the Colored subscribers, only \$15,123 has been paid to date. About \$27,000 is delinquent, and all of the smaller pledges are long past due. This is a critical situation but its remedy is simple, namely, the payment of his obligation by every subscriber.

It would be a tragedy if we failed Negro boys and young men now. The white people are willing to do their share. I plead with you and every Colored citizen whose pledge is unpaid to pay it to the Colored Branch of the YMCA today. The future of the Colored Y depends upon how these obligations are met.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Gavin Ulmer  
President YMCA

GU/w

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE  
C H Waller - State Leader

SMITH COUNTY

The 4-H Club girls have been helped in compiling reports and stories during the month of October. As a result of assistance given, a story follows by Dezella Phillips of Pine Springs Club:

"Beginning in January, 1940, I started piecing two quilts at a total cost of \$1.10 including materials and thread. I stained my woodwork, put linoleum on the floor and varnished the floor. I bought a suit of furniture which cost \$44.95; put in two new window panes at a cost of 15¢ each and bought a radio for \$33.50. My radio keeps me company when I come home from the fields and serves to keep me informed of the news. My accomplishments in clothing and bedroom work have taken up much of my time. I quilted two quilts, made three pairs of curtains, two dresser scarfs, two pairs of pillowcases and one bedspread. I also made one set of dish towels, one kitchen outfit, and one slip.

My club activities for the year were:

Exhibit in the County Meat Show in March  
Participation in 4-H Club Day in May  
Assistance with Home Garden and Canning  
Assistance with National Negro Health Week  
in our Community in April  
Making of Scrap Book  
Holding office of secretary of my Club  
Exhibit at the County Fair and Exhibit at the  
State Fair.

Altogether I won \$4.50 in cash prizes for my exhibits."

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