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NEWS LETTER

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE - PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

VOLUME X

APRIL - 1941

NUMBER 8

I CALENDAR - APRIL and MAY 1941 -

A APRIL - 1941 -

1	National Negro Health Week .....	March 30-April 5
2	Clean Up Day (No Holiday) .....	April 4
3	Southwest Relay and Tennis Meet .....	April 9-12
4	Meheagris .....	April 11
5	AA High School League Meet .....	April 12
6	State League Meet Classes C and D Schools .....	April 18
7	State League Meet Classes A and B Schools .....	April 19
8	Student Day .....	April 24

B MAY - 1941

1	Music Week .....	May 5-11
2	Senior-Junior Entertainment .....	May 10
3	Midwives Institute .....	May 12
4	Honors Day .....	May 13
5	Annual Alumni Meeting (Mr H S Estelle, President) .....	May 17
6	Baccalaureate Sunday (W R Banks) .....	May 18
7	Commencement (Dr T R Solomon) .....	May 19
8	Coordinated Institute .....	June 2-4

II TELEGRAM -

New York, New York  
March 21, 1941

Principal W. R. Banks  
Prairie View, Texas

Glad to advise informally grant \$2,450.00 toward cost of Summer School courses at Prairie View State College approved to-day Stop Please notify others concerned Stop Formal notification follows.

General Education Board  
By  
/s/ Fred McCuiston

III SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS -

It is a fact that Negroes do not participate in the Social Security Benefits sponsored by the Federal Government as they should, because of their lack of information regarding such an agency. For the specific purpose of bringing ourselves up to date on these benefits, we are asking the Director of this area to explain this entire program to us on Wednesday evening in the Auditorium-Gymnasium, April 2, at 6:30 o'clock. It is important that we all arrange to be present to learn more about this fine service made possible by the National Government for all the people.



#### IV CLEAN UP DAY -

In connection with the Annual Health Week, Friday, is designated as CLEAN-UP-DAY. Therefore, Friday, April 4, will be observed at Prairie View as CLEAN UP DAY. It must be kept in mind that this is not a HOLIDAY. Our attention for the entire day is needed for cleaning up the buildings, grounds, cottages and lawns. We want to Clean-Up, Burn-Up, Wash-Up, Scrub-Up, Scrape-Up, Pick-Up, Paint-Up, Whitewash-Up and Straighten-Up everything that is necessary. The work begins at 7:30 A M. The schedule is attached to this letter.

#### V SOUTHWEST RELAYS AND TENNIS -

The Southwest Relays and Tennis Tournament has been scheduled for April 9-12. This event will bring to our campus students and faculty representatives from twenty or twenty-five Negro Colleges. The relays will take place on Saturday afternoon of April 12. This attraction is always unusually colorful. A fine brand of Tennis will be seen as well as National Records will be made and broken on the track. The events will be as follows:

- 1 Tennis ..... April 9-11
- 2 Girls' Relays ..... April 11
- 3 College and AA High School Relays ..... April 12

#### VI THE MEHEAGRIS

No event at the college has a greater educational significance than the Annual Meheagris. It requires a great deal of time and effort to put on displays of this nature, but the outcome justifies all that has been put into the Meheagris. It is the plan this year to arrange the program so that every student and teacher will get to see all the exhibits by noon of April 12.

#### VII THE AA LEAGUE MEET -

In connection with the College Meet, we are to have the State League Meet of the AA Class High Schools, the contests coming off on Saturday, April 12. This event will bring along, nearly 1000 people to witness the races.

#### VIII THE INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE MEET -

The Annual Interscholastic League Meet of the four classes of schools, will be held April 18 and 19, as follows:

- 1 Classes C and D Schools ..... April 18
- 2 Classes A and B Schools ..... April 19

These events of the League Meet have nearly 1600 contestants. This throws a heavy responsibility on the faculty and staff members handling all the events satisfactorily and on scheduled time. Within a few days, the schedule of assignments will be released, showing in what capacity each person is to serve. If any person finds it impossible, for any cause, to serve where designated, they should be officially excused by the proper authority.



IX THE PLANTATION PARTY --

The Faculty Entertainment Committee No II deserves the compliments of all those who were present Thursday evening, March 27, on the occasion of the Plantation Party given for the Faculty Members. It was an evening of wholesome fun and entertainment. It was pleasing to note the spirit in which the faculty members entered into the occasion from the points of costumes and participation.

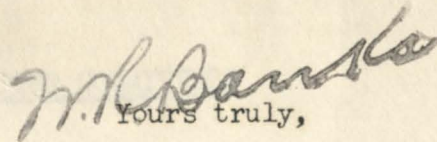
X SHALL WE HAVE DOROTHY MAYNOR?

One of the greatest voices of this generation is that of DOROTHY MAYNOR which has been a sensation in America for the past two years. Her Manager was here this week for the purpose of booking an engagement for the next school year. Shall we have DOROTHY MAYNOR next year? What do you say?

XI AND FINALLY --

"It goes without argument that the materials of instruction concerning social and economic issues have to be drawn in large part from the moving panorama of current life. They are not easy of access in reliable form, and, are extra-ordinarily hard to interpret with assurance. This increases the difficulty of their use by all teachers, but particularly by the rank and file who have assumed little responsibility in the past for understanding the issues involved in our National Life."

-- National Education Association

  
Yours truly,

W R Banks  
Principal

P S - Meeting usual time and place

WRB



NATIONAL NEGRO HEALTH WEEK CLEAN UP DAY SCHEDULE  
April 4, 1941

7:30 A M - All Clean Up Activities begin  
2:30 P M - Inspection Tour begins

CLEAN UP ZONES

I Public Buildings

Administration Building  
Science Building  
Arts and Sciences Building  
Agricultural Building  
Home Arts Building  
Mechanic Arts Building  
College Exchange  
Dining Hall  
Hospital  
Veterinary Hospital  
Practice School  
Auditorium-Gymnasium  
Laundry

III Employees Residences

All cottages  
All lawns

IV Outlying Buildings & Grounds

Model Farm Cottages  
Dairy Barns  
Horse Barns  
Poultry Plant  
Warehouse and Filling Station  
Grounds around all buildings  
Farm Shop

II Dormitories

a Young Women

Evans Hall  
Anderson Hall  
Minor Hall  
Blackshear Hall  
Crawford Hall  
Practice Cottage  
N Y A #1

b Young Men

Luckie Hall  
Foster Hall  
Woodruff Hall  
N Y A # 2

c Faculty Men

Bellaire  
Hermitage  
Alta Vista

INSPECTION COMMITTEES



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- Administration Building
  - Science Building
  - Arts and Sciences Building
  - Agricultural Building
  - Home Arts Building
  - Mechanic Arts Building
  - College Exchange
  - Dining Hall
  - Hospital
  - Veterinary Hospital
  - Practice School
  - Auditorium-Gymnasium
  - Laundry
- II Dormitories
- a Young Women
- Evans Hall
  - Anderson Hall
  - Minor Hall
  - Blackshear Hall
  - Crawford Hall
  - Practice Cottage
  - N Y A #1
- b Young Men
- Luckie Hall
  - Foster Hall
  - Woodruff Hall
  - N Y A # 2
- c Faculty Men
- Bellaire
  - Hermitage
  - Alta Vista
- III Employees Residences
- All cottages
  - All lawns
- IV Outlying Buildings & Grounds
- Model Farm Cottages
  - Dairy Barns
  - Horse Barns
  - Poultry Plant
  - Warehouse and Filling Station
  - Grounds around all buildings
  - Farm Shop

INSPECTION COMMITTEES

Committee #1 (Inspect Young Women's Dormitories)

Mr W M Booker, Chairman  
Miss M E Suarez  
Mr G W Reeves  
Mrs H B Owens  
Mr J M Alexander  
Miss M L Hood  
Mr H E Fuller  
Miss A L Sheffield

Committee #2 (Inspect Young Men's Dormitories)

Mr R W Hilliard, Chairman  
Miss Julia G Lewis  
Miss J L Terry  
Miss Mayme L Powell  
Mr T S Russell  
Dr A K Smith  
Captain V E Punch  
Miss Nellie C Allen

Committee #3 (Inspect Public Buildings)

Dr R P Perry, Chairman



TEXAS SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION  
Austin, Texas

March 20, 1941

Dear Principal Banks:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the proceedings of the 11 Educational Congress which was held by your college on March 8, 1940. I received this publication yesterday.

I should like to say to you and to Professor Henry Allen Bullock that this is one of the most interesting and well gotten-up things of its kind that I have ever had the privilege of reviewing. Some of the things which were brought out in your charts and narrative discussion are things which I have previously looked for in other publications but have not been able to locate. In my opinion all persons who are interested in any way in juvenile and adult offenders should want to make use of these studies which are incorporated in your report.

I should like to make this publication known to several persons whom I know would like to have a copy if one is available. Before I talk to them, however, I should like for you to advise me as to whether or not you can supply a limited number of requests.

I am attaching a copy of this letter and asking that you give it to Professor Henry Allen Bullock.

Sincerely yours

ARTHUR O. MOREHEAD  
/s/ Executive Secretary

Principal W. R. Banks  
Prairie View State College  
Hempstead, Texas

AOM:MG

cc: Professor Henry Allen Bullock  
President Daniel Russell



EXTENSION SERVICE WITH NEGROES IN TEXAS  
1 9 4 0

A - HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

(a)	Home Demonstration Clubs .....	540
(b)	Members in H D Clubs .....	10,892
(c)	Girls 4-H Clubs .....	413
(d)	4-H Club Members .....	8,257
(e)	Number of families budgeted food expenditure for a year .....	3,100
(f)	Number of families served during the year .	7,915
(g)	Families produced and preserved home food supply for the year .....	5,901
(h)	Number quarts of fruits, vegetables and meat canned and preserved during the year ..	1,015,229
(i)	Value of products canned .....	\$193,829.00
(j)	Adult demonstrations conducted	
(k)	Clothing - 138	
(l)	Food selection and preparation - 394	
(m)	Food preservation - 707	
(n)	Home Improvement - 2,019	

B - FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK

(a)	Number Swine Demonstrations .....	3,044
(b)	Number animals involved . .....	11,798
(c)	Meat cured, beef and pork (pounds) .....	2,731,927
(d)	Gallons of syrup made improved way .....	125,582
(e)	Farms terraced .....	511
(f)	Acres terraced .....	17,756
(g)	Farmers practicing gully control .....	266
(h)	Acres in gully control work .....	6,974
(i)	New orchards planted .....	471
(j)	Fruit trees, bushes and vines added .....	114,742



DO YOU KNOW  
(Figures used are for 1939-40)

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Austin, Texas

Do You Know

- That there were 5,707 pupils under 6 years of age enrolled in Texas public schools in 1939-40?
- That there were 26,976 pupils over 17 years of age enrolled in the public schools?
- That there were 14,600 pupils enrolled in Texas during the year who had enrolled in some other state earlier in the year?

Do You Know

- That there were 313 pupils who graduated who were 14 years of age or younger on September 1st preceding graduation?
- That there were 320 pupils who graduated who were 21 years old or older on September 1st preceding graduation?
- That the average age of the high school graduate was 16.8 years on September 1st preceding graduation?

Do You Know

- That 995 out of the 1,080 persons who were listed as Superintendents of Texas Schools had degrees?
- That 442 of them had Master's Degrees?
- That approximately 75% of all white person employed in administrative or teaching positions had degrees?

Do You Know

- That White Junior High School Teachers received an average annual salary of \$1,416?
- That Elementary Teachers received an average annual salary of \$1,000?
- That High School Teachers received an average annual salary of \$1,319?

Do You Know

- That there were 707 new school buildings erected in 1939-40?
- That additions were made to 125 other school buildings?
- That 163 other school buildings were remodeled?

Do You Know

- That the original cost of the school buildings and grounds in Texas amounts to \$271,000,000.00?
- That Texas schools have spent \$4,723,039.00 on library books?
- That Texas schools have invested \$1,513,153.00 in musical equipment?

Do You Know

- That the schools have more than 1,300,000 books in their libraries?
- That the schools have 1,993 projecting machines?
- That the schools purchased 376,558 new books for their libraries last year?

Do You Know

- That Texas Schools are now carrying on one of the largest Defense Training Programs sponsored by any State?
- That there are now 63 persons employed in the State Department of Education, paid by the Federal Government to carry on this training program?



STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Austin, Texas

(Bus Transportation)  
I - White Transportation

ITEMS OF INFORMATION	STATE AID	NON-STATE AID
1 Number of buses (total)	3,893	1,318
2 Number school owned	2,797	936
3 Number privately owned	878	342
4 Number jointly owned	92	38
5 Number owned by counties	134	2
6 Number with steel bodies	2,251	1,009
7 Number officially inspected	3,199	941
8 Purchase price of buses	\$5,746,733	\$2,131,920
9 Present value of buses	\$3,648,674	\$1,378,867
10 Total cost of transportation	\$2,491,744	\$1,032,731
11 Miles traveled per day	175,659	65,451
12 Average number days traveled	174	170
13 Cost per mile per day	.08	.09
14 Number of children transported	213,963	59,199
15 Cost per pupil per day	.06-1/3	.10-1/4
16 Number new buses bought	481	170
17 Cost of new buses	\$ 936,473	\$ 328,834
18 Amount due on buses	\$1,133,793	162,250
19 Average load per bus	55	45
20 Average length of run per day	45	49-1/2



STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Austin, Texas

(Bus Transportation)  
II - Colored Transportation

ITEMS OF INFORMATION	STATE PAID	NON-STATE AID
1 Number of buses (total)	237	57
2 Number school owned	74	32
3 Number privately owned	135	25
4 Number jointly owned	-	-
5 Number owned by counties	28	23
6 Number with steel bodies	70	-
7 Number officially inspected	154	34
8 Purchase price of buses	\$ 245,097	\$ 64,422
9 Present value of buses	\$ 155,035	\$ 30,554
10 Total cost of transportation	\$ 124,572	\$ 41,708
11 Miles traveled per day	13,852	2,209
12 Average number days traveled	162	160
13 Cost per mile per day	.05-2/5	.07-1/5
14 Number of children transported	13,425	3,632
15 Cost per pupil per day	.05-4/5	.07-1/5
16 Number new buses	27	1
17 Cost of new buses	\$ 35,805	\$ 1,350
18 Amount due on buses	\$ 32,970	\$ 700
19 Average load per bus	56	63
20 Average length of run per day	58	38