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I CALENDAR - March and April 1941

A MARCH 1941 -

- 1 AA League State Basketball (February 28) March 1
- 2 Fifth Post Graduate Medical Clinic March 3-6
- 3 State Conference of Librarians March 6
- 4 Twelfth Educational Conference March 7
- 5 Houston Symphony Orchestra (3:00 P M) March 9
- 6 History Discussion - Miss A L Campbell March 13
- 7 Texas Association of Negro Musicians March 14-16
- 8 Leadership Institute (Presbyterian Church) March 17-19
- 9 History Discussion (Final) Dr E M Norris March 20
- 10 State High School Band Contest March 22
- 11 General Examination in Vocational Skills March 24-26
- 12 Faculty Entertainment March 27
- 13 National Negro Health Week Begins March 30

B APRIL 1941

- 1 National Negro Health Week Ends April 5
- 2 Intercollegiate Relays and Tennis (Southwest) April 10-12
- 3 The Meheagris April 11
- 4 AA State Interscholastic League Meet April 12
- 5 Texas Interscholastic League Classes C-D Schools April 18
- 6 Texas Interscholastic League Classes A-B Schools April 19
- 7 Student Day April 24
- 8 Institute for Midwives April 24

II TWELFTH EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE -

The Twelfth Educational Conference will be on March 7, beginning at 9 A M. The subject - THE TEXAS NEGRO HOME - is attracting state-wide interest because of its importance. Unless something unforeseen happens, there will be an attendance upward of 2,000 people of all walks of life. Professor H A Bullock has gone to great pains in assembling data pertinent to this subject and the people of the state are looking forward to an educational feast on this occasion. There will be only one session. In the afternoon, an opportunity will be given those who are interested in the further detail study of the data assembled to spend two hours in the Auditorium - from 2:30 to 4:30 P M. The Research Committee will clear up and explain any points of the study desired by those who are interested. As a rule, the Junior and Senior classes will be the guests of the conference.

III THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA -

On Sunday afternoon March 9th, at 3:00 o'clock, we shall have the unusual privilege of being entertained by the HOUSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA composed of seventy-five (75) pieces, handled by some of the best artists in this section. We want to develop an appreciation for this type of music. In doing so, the prices have been reduced to an exceptionally low figure so that at least one thousand (1000) people may witness the entertainment.

IV THE SECOND STATE BAND CONTEST -

As will be noticed in the Calendar, the SECOND STATE BAND CONTEST of the Negro High Schools will be a part of our activities for this month - March 22. Last year, we had three hundred (300) Band Participants and this year there is an indication of 1000 Participants. This activity has created a demand for Band Directors beyond the available supply.

V THE SECOND FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT -

The Second Faculty Entertainment for the school year has been scheduled for March 27. Mr H E Fuller and his committee are laying plans for a most interesting and profitable evening. Most of the faculty members have qualified. Those who desire to take part will please see Mr G W Buchanan.

VI DOGS -

The campus is infested with stray and worthless dogs. For the safety of our citizens we are asking all dog owners to have their dogs vaccinated and also put a collar on them. This must be done by March 22. After this date dogs found on the campus without collars will be destroyed.

VII CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION -

Now that the Spring season is approaching, we want to urge all occupants of cottages to see that their lawns are cut regularly, and plenty of flowers and shrubbery are planted. We all want to continue in cooperating to the end of having our campus and premises beautiful and attractive at all times.

VIII THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND -

- A Join the Faculty Credit Union
- B Pay pledges to the YMCA Building Fund in Houston
- C Qualify for Second Faculty Entertainment
- D Finish paying Community Chest dues. Most of the faculty members have already paid.

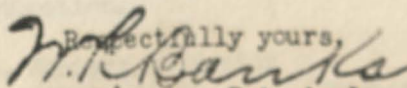
IX SCHOLARSHIP AID -

Those who are eligible for Texas Aid out-of-state to study and desire the same for the summer school, must have in the hands of the Committee on or by March 15, all papers and information required of applicants. Write to -

Dean T D Brooks
A and M College of Texas
College Station, Texas

AND FINALLY -

"In the homes of Americans are born the children of America; and, from them go out into American life, American men and women. They go out with the stamp of these homes upon them; and, only as these homes are what they should be, will they be what they should be." - J G Holland

Respectfully yours,

W R Banks, Principal

Prairie View State College
*HONOR ROLL
First Semester, 1940-41

Name	#Class & Div.	Grades	Sem Hrs	Gr Pts	Average
1 Alexander, Marie A	A & S -4	AABBBBBBC	23	50	2.17
2 Boudreaux, Ida Mae	A & S -3	AABBBB	15	38	2.53
3 Boone, Lottie Belle	H E-4	AABBBBB	19	42	2.21
4 Brittain, Charlie Lee	A & S-4	AABBBBC	21	45	2.14
5 Brooks, Donald A	A & S-4	AAAABBC	18	48	2.67
6 Bunkley, Crawford B	A & S-4	AAAABBBCC	19	40	2.11
7 Campbell, Dorothy N	A & S-3	AABBBBCC	17	34	2.00
8 Cary, Reby	A & S-4	ABBBBCC	17	36	2.12
9 Cosby, Ruby Farr	A & S-4	AABBBCC	18	36	2.00
10 Dykes, Jimmie Ruth	A & S-4	BBBBB	15	30	2.00
11 Ellis, Berthenia M	H E-4	AABBBBB	19	42	2.21
12 Evans, Ada Louise	A & S-4	AABBB	15	39	2.60
13 Harrison, Lawrence B	A & S-1	AABBBBCC	16	38	2.38
14 Harvey, Rosa Lee B	A & S-4	AABBBBBBC	18	42	2.33
15 Hawkins, Hazel Myrtle	A & S-1	AABBBBC	15	33	2.20
16 Hughes, Juanita J	A & S-4	AAAABBC	13.5	31.5	2.38
17 Jackson, Corine F	H E-4	AABBBBC	21	45	2.14
18 Johnson, Charles Wm	A & S-3	ABBBBBB	17	37	2.18
19 Jones, Josephine	A & S-2	AABBBCC	14	31	2.21
20 Land, Velma Lee	N E-4	AAAAAAB	21	57	2.71
21 Langston, Burnadine	H E-4	AABBB	13	32	2.46
22 Lewis, Nellye Joyce	H E-4	AABBB	13	32	2.46
23 McClellan, Faye Wylla	A & S-1	AAABBBCC	15	30	2.00
24 McCree, Helen Ineze	H E-1	AABBBBB	15	33	2.20
25 Mann, Mercedes D	H E-3	BBBBBB	17	34	2.00
26 McDonald, Calvin C	Ag-2	AAAABBBBC	18	45	2.50
27 Morgan, Fletcher	Ag-2	ABBBBBC	18	36	2.00
28 Moore, Eloise Emma	A & S-1	AAABBBBC	15	33	2.20
29 Page, Genevieve	H E-4	ABBBBC	15	30	2.00
30 Pollard, Marianna P	A & S-2	AABBBCC	15	30	2.00
31 Reeves, Lillian E	A & S-3	ABBBBBC	18	36	2.00
32 Reynolds, Lois Arnell	A & S-4	AAAABB	15	39	2.60
33 Scott, Alton Eugene	Ag-2	ABBBBCC	18	37	2.06
34 Shuffer, Eunice J	H E-4	AABBBBBB	19	39	2.05
35 Smith, Frederic D	Ag-2	AAAABBB	19	48	2.53
36 Wall, Pauline Alyce	A & S-4	AAAABBB	15	36	2.40
37 Washington, Edwin C	A & S-2	AAAABBBBB	16	35	2.19
38 Washington, Geraldine	A & S-2	AAAABBB	15	39	2.60
39 Webster, Gladys E	H E-4	ABBBB	16	32	2.00
40 Wickliff, Aloysius	A & S-1	ABBBBB	16	35	2.19
41 Williamson, Ethel J	A & S-4	AAAABBB	18	42	2.33
42 Woodard, Claude C	A & S-4	ABBBBB	18	39	2.17

*To qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must carry not less than fourteen (14) semester hours counted toward graduation, earn a general scholastic average of 2.00, and must make no grade below "C" during the semester. Due allowance is made for regular students restricted to less than 14 semester hours by curriculum pre-criptions.

#Symbols: Ag-Agriculture; A & S-Arts and Sciences; H E-Home Economics; M A-Mechanic arts; N E-Nursing Education.

1-Freshman; 2- Sophomore; 3- Junior; 4- Senior

Registrar's Office

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE
Prairie View, Texas

Office of the Registrar

February 15, 1941

Principal W R Banks
Campus

Dear Principal Banks:

Some generalizations from the Honor Roll just released are given below for your information:

Total on Honor Roll -----	42
Percentage of enrollment -----	4.3

Distribution by classes:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Pct of Honor Roll</u>
Senior	23
Junior	5
Sophomore	8
Freshman	6

By Sexes:

	12	
Male	12	28.6
Female	30	71.4

By Divisions:

Agriculture	4	9.5
Arts and Sciences	27	64.3
Home Economics	10	23.8
Mechanic Arts	0	0.0
Nursing Education	1	2.4

By Student Tenure:

Old Students	36	85.7
New Freshmen	6	14.3
Transfers	0	0.0

Ranking Students:

		<u>Average</u>
Men	- Brooks, Donald Arthur A & S - 4	2.67
Women	- Land, Velma Lee NE - 4	2.71
Entire School - Land, Velma Lee		2.71
Senior	Land, Velma Lee NE	2.71
Junior	Boudreaux, Ida Mae A & S	2.53
Sophomore	Washington, Geraldine A & S	2.60
Freshman	Harrison, Lawrence A & S	2.38
Agriculture - Smith, Frederic D (2)		2.53
Arts and Sciences - Brooks, Donald A (4)		2.67
Home Economics - Langston, Burnadine (4)		2.46
Lewis, Nellye Joyce (4)		2.46
Mechanic Arts - Not represented on Honor Roll		
Nursing Education - Land Velma Lee (4)		2.71

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Washington

February 10, 1941

Address Reply to Commission-
er of Immigration and Naturalization and Refer
to File Number

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE

Mr. Wm. H. Wiggins, Registrar
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

Dear Sir:

Referring to the application of the above named institution for approval as a school for immigrant students, it gives me pleasure to advise that the school has been duly approved by the Attorney General for immigrant students in accordance with the Immigration Act of 1924. The Department of State will be notified of this action in order that all American consular officers may be advised. These officers will then be in a position to consider applications for the required non-quota student visas.

It may be stated that this Department and Service will have no part in the procedure after a school has been approved until applicants for admission as students reach a United States port, and it will be unnecessary therefore for your school to communicate with this office relative to the expected arrival of the individual students.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E E Salisbury, Chief
Certifications Branch

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PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE
Prairie View, Texas

Division of Health

February 4, 1941

Prin W R Banks
Campus

Dear Prin Banks:

In compliance with your request of February 3, 1941, I am submitting the following report on the progress that has been made on the work of the Group Hospitalization Committee.

Immediately after the appointment of the committee I went to work on the problem of securing study material for the group as I was sure no one knew much about the subject. Several weeks elapsed before sufficient material was assembled as several organizations were slow in answering my request for material. On November 15, 1940, feeling that I had sufficient material for the group, I called the members of the committee together. At this meeting a plan of study was placed before the committee which was discussed and approved. A copy of this outline for study is attached to this report. At the same meeting the committee was divided into two study groups for the purpose of digesting the material. Numerous important conferences in the early part of December and the Xmas holidays prevented a meeting in December. On January 8th the group was again called together for the purpose of checking on progress made. Subcommittees reported favorable progress with their work and promised early completion.

As soon as the work of these committees is complete a final draft of the digest will be made with special recommendations for Prairie View State College.

Very truly yours

/s/ A K Smith, D D S, Chairman
Group Hospitalization Committee

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TEXAS EXTENSION SERVICE FOR NEGROES

Mr C H Waller - State Leader
Mrs I W Rowan - State Supervisor - Women's Work

TURKEY SALES

DALLAS COUNTY In addition to the Thanksgiving turkey sales, the Dallas County farmers added \$550.84 more to their 1940 income from the sale of turkeys during the Christmas season receiving an average price of .15 per pound on the farm. The following table will show the same:

<u>NAME OF TENANT FARMER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO TURKEYS SOLD</u>	<u>AMT REC'D</u>
Hossie Braggs	Seageville, Texas	23	56.70
Jessie Patch	Grand Prairie, Texas	43	112.32
Frank Heads	Addision, Texas	18	46.08
Jim Bryant	Addision, Texas	16	38.40
Ed Spears	Carrolton, Texas	11	28.16
Eddie Burrell	Seageville, Texas	24	55.04
Henry Keller	Addision, Texas	12	30.72
Mrs S W Armstrong	Alpha, Texas	7	17.92
Mrs Charlie Johnson	Farmers Branch, Texas	11	28.22
Newton Record	Farmers Branch, Texas	10	28.02
Jim Dibbles	Hutchins, Texas	12	31.16
Will McGuire	Rowlett, Texas	13	43.00
George Wells	Addision, Texas	15	35.10
	Total	215	567.84

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- 1 Constructed a standard poultry house, 12 X 12
- 2 Secured a poultry yard
- 3 Purchased 200 Barred Plymouth Rock chicks
- 4 Grew part of feed for flock
- 5 Prepared and served poultry - fresh, canned and as leftovers
- 6 Kept daily poultry record
- 7 Constructed clothes closet
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Prairie View College Dining Hall has purchased most of the fryers and eggs which I have produced. These sales netted me \$56.65. With the money saved from my demonstration I plan to increase my flock and improve my poultry house.

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

Released by the State Department of Education - Austin, Texas

Do You Know

- That there were 1,549,433 children on the scholastic rolls in Texas last year?
- That more than 1,325,000 of these children were enrolled in the public schools?
- That more than 1,000,000 of them were in average daily attendance?

Do You Know

- That the per capita cost of the public schools based on the scholastic population was \$46.40
- That the cost based on enrollment was \$53.55?
- That the cost based on average daily attendance was \$63.58?
- That the average cost over the United States was \$88.00?
(Does not include Capital Outlay and Debt Service)

Do You Know

- That there were 1,031 independent school districts in Texas?
- That there were 4,790 common school districts in operation with approximately 800 more "contracting" their pupils to nearby schools?

Do You Know

- That the average length of school term in the independent districts was 175 days?
- That the average length of school term in the common school districts was 163 days?
- That the average for the entire State was 171.9 days?

Do You Know

- That there were 160 school children who attended schools having a term of less than 90 days?
- That there were 1,193 who attended schools having terms between 91-110 days?
- That there were 18,631 who attended schools having from 111-130 days?
- That there were more than 8,000 children who attended schools having less than a six months term? (Less than 120 days.)
- That there were more than 939,943 children who attended schools having terms of 171 or more days?

Do You Know

- That there were 1,080 School Superintendents employed in Texas?
- That there were 227 assistant superintendents who served as Curriculum Directors, Business Managers, Personnel Directors or Research Directors in their respective districts?
- That there were 2,470 principals, and 159 supervisors employed in the public schools?
- That there were 10,132 male teachers and 34,725 female teachers employed in the schools?
- That there were 348 other persons employed as band directors, librarians, or special teachers?

Do You Know

- That 35,371 out of the 50,022 administrators, principals, supervisors and teachers employed held degrees?
- That this is 70.7% of all persons employed in the public schools?
- That there were 866 teachers employed in the public schools who have never attended college?

Do You Know

- That there were 55,033 graduates from four year high schools?
- That 313 of these children were 14 years old or younger?
- That 320 of them were 21 years old or older?

Do You Know

- That there were 14,926 bus drivers employed in the schools?
- That 329,138 children were transported at public expense?
- That the schools have invested \$6,153,174 in buses?
- That the salaries paid bus drivers amounted to \$2,403,100?

Do You Know

- That more than 3,000 crippled children are being hospitalized annually through the efforts of the Crippled Childrens' Division of the State Department of Education?
- That more than 400 physically handicapped person are trained every year by the Vocational Rehabilitation Division?
- That Texas is one of the few states in the nation which do not have a Division of Special Education?

Do You Know

- That Texas ranks first in Radio Education, and in Vocational Education?
- That Texas ranks 18th based on 13 significant criteria?
- That the first "Search for Talent" among school children took place in Texas?
- That more bands, orchestras, and choral organizations from Texas have won national recognition than from any other state?

National Headquarters
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1941

Release No. 182

FOR RELEASE A. M. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1941

Physical examination of Selective Service registrants by local board physicians prior to January 31, 1941, resulted in rejection of 32 percent as physically and mentally unfit for general military service, Col. Leonard G. Rowntree, chief of the medical division of National Headquarters, Selective Service System, said today.

Speaking before the National Conference on Medical Service, sponsored by the Illinois State Medical Society, at the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., this morning, Colonel Rowntree also said that of those passed by Selective Service physicians, approximately 12 percent had been rejected by Army induction boards.

Rejections by local board physicians, according to Colonel Rowntree, were divided into two categories — those fit for limited military service but not fit for general military training, and those unfit for any form of military duty. Twelve percent were in the former group and 20 percent in the latter, he said.

Principal cause for rejection by Selective Service and Army physicians, Colonel Rowntree asserted, was defective teeth. He submitted the following table showing the ten major causes of rejection on the basis of a preliminary survey:

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Percent of Total Rejections</u>	
	<u>Selective Service</u>	<u>ARMY</u>
1 Teeth	17%	22%
2 Cardiovascular system	13%	7%
3 Musculo-skeletal defects	10%	4%
4 Eyes	9%	13%
5 Genitalia, including venereal .	6%	5%
6 Mental and nervous	6%	10%

	<u>Selective Service</u>	<u>ARMY</u>
7 Ears, nose and throat	6%	9%
8 Hernia	5%	6%
9 Feet	4%	6%
10 Lungs	3%	4%

Colonel Rowntree said that rejections because of defective teeth indicated "the need for special help in matters pertaining to the examination of teeth." Selective Service System hopes soon to have the services of a dentist available to every local board that desired them, he announced, and a Dental Advisory Committee has been set up.

In connection with the discrepancy between Selective Service physicians' rejections because of cardiovascular ailments and those turned down by the Army, Colonel Rowntree said that usually when a registrant is in the hands of a "more familiar" local board physician he is not under stress or strain and pulse and blood pressure consequently are normal. "In opposition to this, "Colonel Rowntree asserted, "it is apparent that a registrant is under stress and strain of a very serious nature on presenting himself for examination by the Army induction board."

"It is evident that still greater efforts must be made to bring about the use of common methods of diagnosis and greater uniformity of interpretation," Colonel Rowntree declared, adding that "so far as National Headquarters is concerned, there is not the slightest criticism of the work of local boards to date."

It is hoped, however, that by experience and deeper insight into standards demanded by the Army, rejections by the Army will be reduced to less than 10 percent, he said.