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## A CALENDAR -

- 1 Waller County Officials' Dinner ..... September 5
- 2 Faculty Symposium ..... September 8
- 3 Extension Agents' Institute (Southern Division) .... September 8-9
- 4 Examination for Entrance and Registration ..... September 11-15

## B FACULTY SYMPOSIUM -

Elsewhere in this News Letter the program for the THIRD FACULTY SYMPOSIUM will be found. The theme this year is: "A CRITICAL EVALUATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE IN A PROGRAM OF NATIONAL READJUSTMENT." This subject will be presented in a three-way discussion, viz -

- 1 Symposium - 9:00-11:30 A M
  - (a) Present Status of the Educational Functions of Prairie View State College by - Dr R P Perry, Mr R W Hilliard, Mrs A P Wilson and Mr H A Bullock.
- 2 Forum - 2:00-4:00 P M
  - (a) Suggestive Proposals for Improving the Effectiveness of the Educational Functions of Prairie View State College - Professor S E Warren, Discussion Leader
- 3 Panel - 7:00-8:30 P M
  - (a) Plans and Procedures For the Improvement of the Effectiveness of the Educational Functions of Prairie View State College - Dr E M Norris, Leader. Associates - Dr A K Smith, Dr J M Coruthers, Dr F G Davis, Dr E L Sasser, Mr H E Fuller, Mr G W Morton, Miss A C Preston, Mr E C Russell and Miss M L Powell.

It is desired that all staff members will make arrangements to be present. The ladies of the campus are invited to attend and participate in the discussions. The sessions will be held in the Auditorium-Gymnasium.

## C FACULTY ENTERTAINMENTS -

Mr G W Buchanan, Treasurer of the Faculty Entertainment Fund, makes the following report for the Fiscal Year, 1940-41 -

A	Income .....		\$ 162.05
	(a) Balance brought forward from 1939-40	\$ 9.05	
	(b) Fees for 153 members .....	153.00	
		<u>\$162.05</u>	
B	Expenditures .....		\$ 143.27
	(a) Miss E C May - visitors - 9-26-40	\$ 7.00	
	(b) Dr A K Smith - Entertainment No. 1	70.00	
	(c) Mr H E Fuller - Entertainment No. 2	66.27	
		<u>\$143.27</u>	

We pause for a moment, with heavy hearts, to pay our last tribute of respect to our worthy colleague and comrade whose life's career came suddenly to an end yesterday at the close of the day - in the shadows of that "night when man works no more."

More than two decades ago, he came to Prairie View State College, a lad from the backwoods of South Texas. With that characteristic assiduity and determination and ambition, he finished his course of study here and finally earned the Master's Degree from Iowa State College. For more than twenty years, he was a trusted and efficient employee of his Alma Mater. "He loved the name of Prairie View;" his work was always on his heart; he was a worthy example and safe counsellor for students and acquaintances; a devoted husband and a loyal and progressive citizen.

The Apostle Paul on one occasion uttered this true saying - "For we now see through a glass darkly, but then face to face." When human knowledge has become more complete and perfect, and the divine purpose of life is fully understood, then death will lose its sting and shock; it will no longer be looked upon as a grim monster and an enemy in the affairs of mankind, but rather a necessity. If there were no such thing as death, I seriously doubt that we would have a high and purposeful philosophy of life; we would build no churches and schools; and, we certainly would not live zealously and dangerously for those high principles of human behavior laid down by Jesus Christ.

There is one thing certain and known to every rational man - that death brings this human career definitely to an end, but if we live carefully, thoughtfully and abundantly, we shall inherit Eternal Life which is beyond the reach of death. Eternal life begins at that point where earthly life ends. The life record of our deceased comrade justifies the belief and conclusion that he has merited the reward of eternal life where happiness and peace abide forever and ever.

August 19, 1941

E NEW FACULTY MEMBERS -

- 1 Professor E C Russell - Education - Atlanta-Michigan-Harvard
- 2 Miss Lillie Mae Paley - Home Making - Prairie View-Kansas State
- 3 Miss Thelma L Conway - Home Making - West Virginia-Columbia
- 4 Professor T A Wallace - Art - Ohio State
- 5 Professor Carol K Cole - Physical Education - Wilberforce-Ohio State
- 6 Dr Earl E Dawson - History - Kansas State-Iowa-Kansas University
- 7 Mrs Effie O'Neal Ellis - Physiology - Spelman-Atlanta-Chicago
- 8 Dr Robert L Beale - Chemistry - University of Penna - Penn State
- 9 Mr J C Williams - Animal Husbandry - Hampton-Kansas State
- 10 Mr Alphonso L McMeekin - Crops and Soils - Florida-Michigan

F A GOOD LETTER!!

Los Angeles, California  
August 26, 1941

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

Dear Principal Banks:

No doubt you would be interested to know how the graduate work recently established at Prairie View is being received by the universities of the country.

Well, here is the story. On June 16th, 1941, I attempted to register at the University of Southern California. The professor to whom I gave my credentials looked them over, and he saw it was an evaluation of my transcript from Prairie View made by their registrar, and on the evaluation blank, I was asking to enter working toward a Ph. D. degree. He said to me you better go and talk with the Dean of the School of Education, and directed me to his office. After some delay, I was sent in to see the Dean. He is a man, I presume in his middle or late fifties. Somewhat stern, very positive, but moves with caution. Well, he said, we have not decided that Prairie View is doing graduate work. We can't give you credit for work done there, but if you want to, you can enroll as a free lance, see how you like it, then drop back to talk with me. Did you hear him say that they had not decided that Prairie View was doing graduate work? That sentence stuck with me. I thanked him, and left the office. As I moved back toward the gymnasium where the registration was going on, I said to myself, "I am going to register today, and I believe I can help the Dean make up his mind about Prairie View's graduate work."

At the close of the first semester term, I took my marks, and went back to see the Dean again. The Dean scanned the report card and the reports. He said, "I want to congratulate you on your accomplishment. Which would you rather work for, the Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Education?"

I am enclosing the records that you may see for yourself. I would like for my committee to see these records, because they certainly made me sweat last summer, but it was not in vain: Dr Norris, Dr Evans, Prof. Jeffreys, Prof. Bullock, Prof. Terrell, and also Prof. Abernethy.

We must help you extend the Frontiers of Prairie View.

Your student,

/s/ J. E. Gooden

Note: Mr Gooden made 2 - As and 1 - B. He was given his Master's Degree here Summer, 1940.

G IMPORTANT NOTICE -

Regulations governing the Assignment and Retention of Cottages by Employees at Prairie View State College, Prairie View, Texas, beginning September 1, 1941:

- 1 A cottage shall not be assigned to nor retained by a male employee who has no wife nor his minor children living with him.
- 2 An employee having a cottage whose wife remains away from the campus -- unless unavoidably -- at least one-third of her time shall be required to give up the cottage.
- 3 Cottages cannot be sublet nor rooms rented for any purpose without permission in advance from the President.
- 4 Cottages are provided employees for the housing of members of their immediate families only, and therefore, cannot be used to carry on a business of any character for profit.

Signed:

T. O. Walton, President  
August 23, 1941

H ADVANCED DEGREES -

It is gratifying to know that several of the Prairie View graduates have earned their advanced degrees at other institutions this school year - 1940-41:

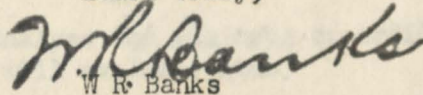
- 1 Opal Christopher - M S in Social Service - Atlanta
- 2 Lillie Mae Paley - M S Homemaking - Kansas State
- 3 Eleanor Collins - M S Homemaking - Kansas State
- 4 Edison Anderson - M A Music - Iowa
- 5 Frances Ellison - M A Music - Colorado
- 6 Mrs Ethel C Ellison - M A Education - Colorado
- 7 J L Patten - M A Education - New York University
- 8 J C Pitts, Jr - M S Education - Southern California
- 9 John M Franklin, Jr - M D Medicine - Meharry
- 10 James E Guinn - M D Medicine - Meharry
- 11 John M Madison - M D Medicine - Meharry
- 12 Hobart Taylor, Jr - M A Economics - Howard
- 13 R M Catchings - M A Religious Education - Howard
- 14 Mrs Thelma Wells - M S Education - Prairie View
- 15 Marie A Clater - M S Education - Prairie View
- 16 Iva Eli Armstrong - M S Education - Prairie View

K AND FINALLY -

"This is a dynamic world in which we live. Timid souls draw back from such a world because, they say, we know not what the future holds. But courageous persons find in this mighty march of events new opportunities for leadership. If you had been born into a static society such as that of the Middle Ages, where everyone was stratified according to his occupation and social position, the heights to which you could rise would have been fixed before your birth. Thank your luckystars, therefore, that you live in the most dynamic era the world has ever known, for the very fluidity of life offers each person the opportunity to breast the social current in exact proportion to his ability, preparation, and willingness to work."

-- H B Wells, President  
Indiana University

Yours truly,



W R Banks  
Principal

P S - Meetings -

- a Symposium - September 8 - Gymnasium
- b Workers - September 9 - Faculty Assembly Room

THIRD ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM  
PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

September 8, 1941

"A CRITICAL EVALUATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF PRAIRIE VIEW IN A  
PROGRAM OF NATIONAL READJUSTMENT"

I Morning Program - 9:00 A M - 11:30 A M

A Introduction -

- 1 Preliminary Remarks - Principal W R Banks
- 2 Purpose of the Symposium (35 minutes) Dr T R Solomon

B Present Status of the Educational Functions of Prairie View  
(Symposium) -

- 1 Academic Program (20 minutes) Dr R P Perry
- 2 Services (20 minutes) Mr R W Hilliard
- 3 Extra-Class Activities (20 minutes) Mrs A P Wilson
- 4 Research (20 minutes) Mr H A Bullock

(The speakers will analyze the subjects according to mechanism  
and philosophy and will evaluate same)

- 5 Questions from the floor (20 minutes)

II Afternoon Program -- 2:00 P M - 4:00 P M

A Forum - Suggestive Proposals for Improving the Effectiveness  
of the Educational Functions of Prairie View -

- 1 Forum Leader - Mr S E Warren (30 minutes)
- 2 Questions and discussions

III Evening Program -- 7:00 P M - 8:30 P M

A Panel - A Summary Analysis: Plans and Procedures for the Im-  
provement of the Effectiveness of the Educational Functions  
of Prairie View (5 minutes each)

- 1 Leader ..... Dr E M Norris

Associates -

Dr A K Smith	Dr J M Coruthers
Mr H E Fuller	Miss A C Preston
Mr G W Morton	Mr E C Russell
Dr F G Davis	Dr E L Sasser
Miss Mayme L Powell	



FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE FACULTY  
COMMUNITY CHEST FISCAL YEAR - 1940-1941

A	INCOME .....	\$	852.88
	1 Brought forward September 1, 1940 .....	\$	<u>428.99</u>
	2 Arts and Sciences Division .....		120.79
	3 Mechanic Arts Division .....		56.56
	4 Buildings, Grounds & Utilities Division .....		51.05
	5 Agriculture Division .....		43.24
	6 Home Making Division .....		39.03
	7 Health Division .....		19.02
	8 Administration .....		25.71
	9 Business Division .....		25.30
	10 Service Departments .....		21.96
	11 Extension Division .....		21.23
	Total .....		<u><u>\$852.88</u></u>
B	EXPENDITURES .....	\$	499.34
	1 Donations .....	\$	203.24
	(Urban League, Inter Racial, Band, Track, and World Service)		
	2 Concerts - Sermons - Lectures .....	\$	178.68
	(Southernaires, H D Hubert, W Y Bell)		
	3 Funerals - Florals .....	\$	114.42
	(J D Ryan, H C Schuhmacher, Mrs Edwards, Mrs L H Edward, Mrs J M Johnson, B Schwarz, C H Waller, Miss H Tatum, Mrs C M Thompson, Mrs T A Johnson, Mr J M Alexander)		
	4 Clerical Service .....		3.00
			<u>\$499.34</u>
	 BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 1, 1941 .....		 <u>\$ 353.54</u>

/s/ G W Buchanan  
Treasurer

August 31, 1941

THE NEGRO FARMER IN THE SOUTHERN REGION  
AS OF 1935-1940

S T A T E	Number Farms Operated	Number Acres Cultivated	Value Land and Buildings	Number Farms Owned	Number Acres Owned	Value Land and Buildings	Counties Negro Farmers Outnumber White
Alabama - 1940	73,364	3,557,398	63,224,403	15,692	1,097,098	18,950,282	18
1935	91,275	3,903,659	63,306,486	15,709	1,053,710	15,906,940	20
Arkansas - 1940	57,025	1,870,918	64,034,632	10,553	664,372	16,470,655	11
1935	71,300	2,230,743	62,214,395	11,343	669,746	13,022,749	11
Florida - 1940	9,758	454,239	10,590,496	5,515	255,322	6,057,566	2
1935	12,764	488,585	10,240,619	6,792	266,064	5,737,952	3
Georgia - 1940	59,132	4,431,385	74,959,203	10,018	844,763	14,267,120	28
1935	73,284	5,333,181	74,230,550	10,571	838,573	11,485,134	31
Louisiana - 1940	59,584	1,928,441	66,888,058	11,187	569,898	16,051,063	17
1935	70,315	2,205,151	61,704,562	10,839	543,827	11,639,632	19
Mississippi-1940	159,540	5,390,354	154,439,735	23,427	1,742,543	31,410,013	37
1935	169,006	5,543,452	126,231,458	21,288	1,592,580	21,898,399	35
Oklahoma - 1940	13,572	1,229,938	25,107,981	6,083	640,534	14,323,222	
1935	17,824	1,401,881	27,063,528	6,762	644,775	13,070,586	
S Carolina - 1940	61,307	2,781,837	77,059,331	17,084	799,206	20,540,880	23
1935	76,537	3,489,252	69,828,296	18,394	795,077	14,827,788	23
Texas - 1940	52,753	3,031,434	72,067,032	20,115	1,336,426	29,667,562	5
1935	71,785	3,821,751	90,064,504	20,800	1,378,141	28,190,598	5

ATTENDANCE RECORD AT SPECIAL EVENTS  
PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

1940 - 1941

No	Event	White	Colored	Total
1	Mid Wives Institute	0	15	15
2	Supervisors Conference on Vocational Education	8	13	21
3	State Conference of Librarians	5	43	48
4	District Meeting of Extension Workers	45	5	50
5	Waller County School Officials	65	0	65
6	Coaching School	0	80	80
7	Institute on Teacher Education	6	75	81
8	Post Graduate Medical Clinic	12	80	92
9	Conference on AAA Program	6	92	98
10	Conference of Agricultural Extension Agents	4	134	138
11	Leadership Institute (Presbyterian)	5	135	140
12	Regional State "Y" Conference	80	62	142
13	"Y" Leadership Institute	5	175	180
14	Institute on Philosophy	12	180	192
15	Class AA Basketball Tournament	0	275	275
16	4-H Encampment	4	300	304
17	Conference of Texas Negro Musicians	2	325	327
18	Southwestern Intercollegiate Relays and Tennis	0	410	410
19	Waller County Interscholastic League Meet	0	420	420
20	Institute on Child Development	7	435	442
21	State High School Band Festival	3	460	463
22	Coordinated Institute of Social Agencies	15	475	490
23	Boy Scouts Camporal	12	512	524
24	Houston Symphony Orchestra	160	530	690
	Annual Conference of Texas Homemakers	5	725	730
	Interscholastic Meet Class AA Schools	0	860	860
	Conference on Elementary Education	1	875	876
	State Interscholastic League Meet Classes C & D Schs.	0	982	982
	Texas NFA Conference	10	992	1,002
	Southernaires	215	1,210	1,425
	Texas Interscholastic League Meet Classes A & B Schs	0	1,530	1,530
	Twelfth Educational Conference	210	1,430	1,640
	Farmers' Short Course	15	1,860	1,875
	Total	912	15,695	16,607