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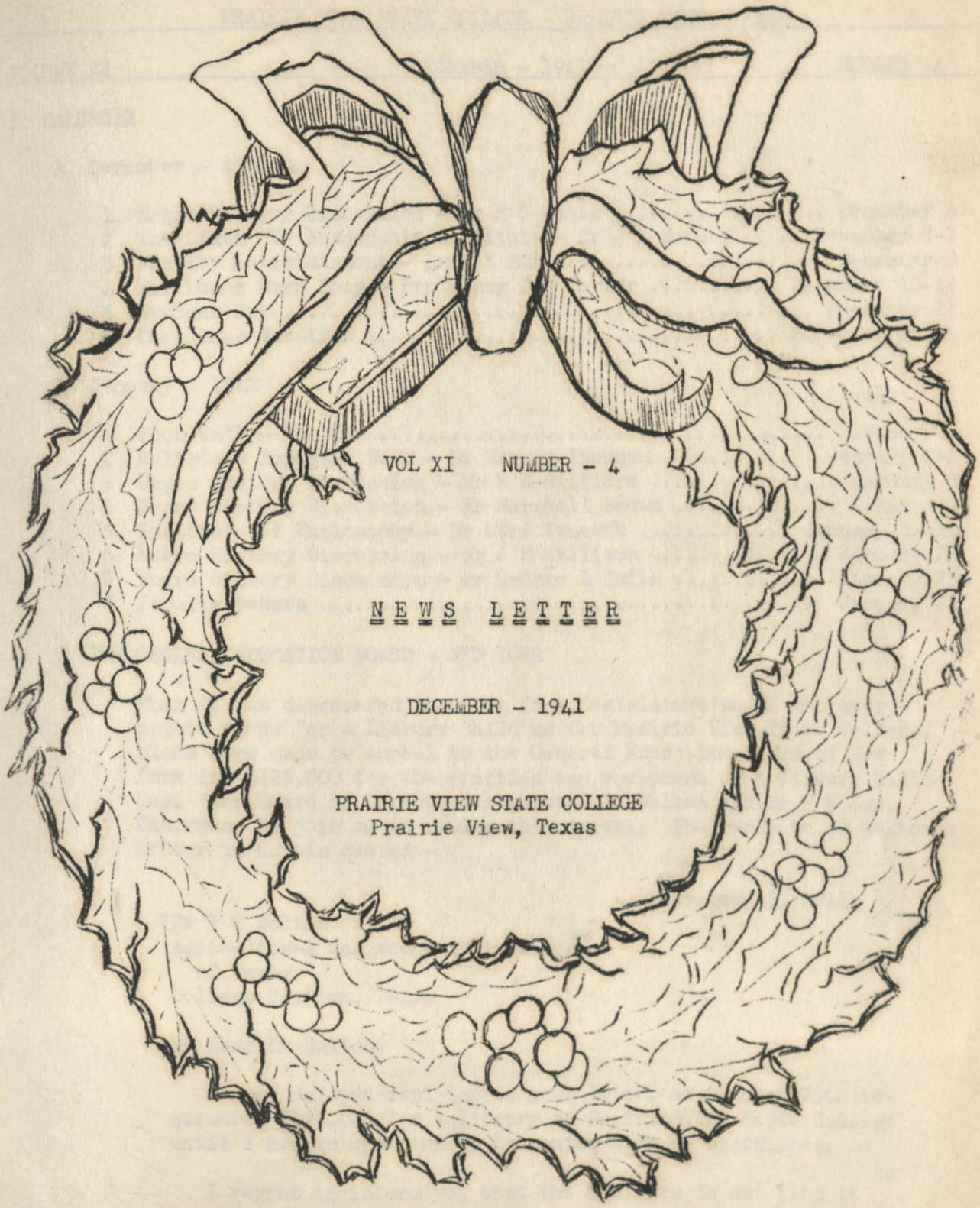
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Prairie View, Texas



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I CALENDAR

A December - 1941

- 1 Negro History Discussion - Dr F G Davis ..... December 4
- 2 The Sixth "Y" Leadership Institute - Dr J L Horace ..... December 5-7
- 3 Faculty Entertainment - Dr A K Smith ..... December 9
- 4 Hot Lunch Work Shop - Professor D B Taylor ..... December 10-13
- 5 Student Day ..... December 11
- 6 Christmas Vacation ..... December 20-29

B January - 1942

- 1 Foot Ball - Houston ..... January 1
- 2 Religious Emphasis Week - Dr Howard Thurman ..... January 2-4
- 3 Negro History Discussion - Mr R W Hilliard ..... January 8
- 4 Negro History Discussion - Mr Marshall Brown ..... January 9
- 5 Institute of Philosophy - Dr Carl Tauesch ..... January 12-14
- 6 Negro History Discussion - Mr J H Williams ..... January 22
- 7 Negro History Discussion - Mr George L Smith ..... January 23
- 8 Faculty Debate ..... January 25

C THE GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD - NEW YORK

When it was discovered that the last Legislature would not appropriate funds for a Library Building for Prairie View State College, plans were made to appeal to the General Education Board of New York for \$125,000 for the erection and equipment of a Library Building. The Board of Directors requested Dr Walton and Mr F M Law, Chairman, to join me in making this appeal. The reply to Dr Walton's letter is herein quoted -

November 19, 1941

"Dr T O Walton  
Agricultural and Mechanical College  
of Texas  
College Station, Texas

My dear Dr Walton:

I have delayed replying to your letter of October 29th requesting \$125,000 for a Library at Prairie View State College until I had an opportunity to confer with my associates.

I regret to inform you that the officers do not find it practicable to recommend a sum as large as this for a Library building. The officers of the Board have the most favorable impression of Prairie View State College and full confidence in President Banks, and there is no question of the need of a Library Building. However, the resources of the Board are now so limited that it is not feasible to make large grants to state



colleges for building purposes as was occasionally done in former years. Moreover, the Board feels that the aim of these earlier appropriations has been accomplished in hastening the plant development and strengthening the support and sense of responsibility on the part of the State. Most of the states took advantage of Federal aid when it was available in developing building programs for the Negro colleges. We realize that Prairie View did not share in this development to the extent that some of the other institutions did. Nevertheless, the Board does not feel that it should spend large sums out of its limited funds for buildings which are clearly the responsibility of the State.

I do not mean to imply that Prairie View is wholly outside the scope of our present activities. As you know, the Board has assisted Prairie View in several projects having to do with its educational program and we are assisting in the training of the staff through Board fellowships. Texas is the wealthiest of the southern states as well as one of the most liberal and progressive. If the State can provide the plant and increased support for this institution which is rendering such valuable service I have no doubt that there will be other ways in which the Board can be of assistance with the limited sums with which we can now deal and it will be a pleasure to confer with you at any time regarding these developments.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

JD:ERB

/s/ Jackson Davis"

D THE "Y" LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE -

Six years ago, Prairie View State College began the sponsorship of what it decided to call - "Y" Leadership Institute." From a hand full of delegates in 1935, it has grown to an attendance upward of 200 delegates, representing the faculty and student leadership in "Y" work in the High Schools and Colleges of Texas.

On December 5, the First Session will open to the public. Dr James L Horace, of Chicago, will be the discussion leader. We wish to urge the members of our school family to attend.

E FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT

The THIRD FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT will take place Tuesday evening, December 9. Dr A K Smith and his Committee have made plans for a most worthwhile and enjoyable evening. Kindly see Mr Buchanan and qualify for the entertainment. It would be a wonderful sight to see all of the staff and their wives present at this event. COME ON AND LET US BREAK THE RECORD!

F CHRISTMAS VACATION -

The Calendar indicates the Christmas Holidays - December 20-29. Regular class work will be suspended at noon, December 20 and will be resumed



Monday morning, December 29 at 7:30 o'clock. We wish for you a  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

G CONGRATULATIONS -- MR WARREN!

The University of Wisconsin  
Madison

Office of the  
Registrar

November 22, 1941

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"This is to certify that Mr. Samuel Enders Warren has completed all the necessary requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin. The degree is to be conferred in March, 1942.

/s/ Curtis Merriman"  
Registrar

H HOT LUNCH WORK SHOP --

This is a day of all kinds of "WORKSHOPS" sponsored by educational agencies. The Hot Lunch Workshop sounds interesting. On December 10-13, such an activity will be at the college under the directions of Dr D B Taylor, State Department of Education, Austin. There will be present more than thirty-five (35) outstanding specialists and educators.

I SHORT COURSE FOR BUILDING CUSTODIANS --

There was conducted at the college a Short Course for Building Custodians, November 24-26. The purpose of the course was to give information on the better care of buildings and equipment. The attendance was satisfactory, and, the information was most valuable and helpful.

J DEFENSE TRAINING

At last, we have going at Prairie View State College, DEFENSE TRAINING, under three Federal Government Agencies, as follows:

1 National Youth Administration .....	120
2 Engineering .....	82
3 W P A Trainees .....	<u>45</u>
Total .....	247 students

K COMMUNITY CHEST --

Information has been received to the point that the Agricultural Division has reported 100% on Community Chest dues for this session. This is a fine showing! According to the new plan, the Directors and Heads of Di-



visions and Departments will collect of its members and report to Mr Buchanan. Reports may be made, if convenient, as follows:

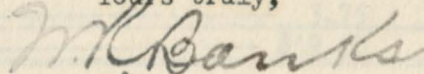
- 1 Arts and Sciences Division ..... Dr R P Perry
- 2 Home Making Division ..... Miss E C May
- 3 Health Division ..... Dr J M Franklin
- 4 Mechanic Arts Division ..... Mr C L Wilson
- 5 Building, Grounds & College Utilities ..... Mr F G Fry
- 6 Defense Staff ..... Mr J J Abernethy
- 7 College Exchange ..... Mr G W Buchanan
- 8 Business Office and Dining Room ..... Mr C W Lewis
- 9 Personnel ..... Mr R W Hilliard
- 10 Administration ..... Mr N B Edward
- 11 Extension ..... Dr E B Evans
- 12 Registrar's Office ..... Mr W H Wiggins

L AND FINALLY -

"In the past generation one era of World History closed; a new one is now opening. Apparently this new era will belong to those who can learn to work together intelligently, happily, and productively with aid of modern service without exploiting natural resources, foreign peoples, or submerged classes. This would seem to require cooperative skill, a high degree of universal education; much scientific research, great capacity for self-government, and the ability to meet changes in the natural and social world without panic. If this conclusion is sound, one key to the future lies in EDUCATION."

— Luther Halsey Gulick

Yours truly,



W R Banks  
Principal

P S - Meeting at the same time in the AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM  
WRB

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NCRMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE  
Prairie View, Texas

Division of Agriculture

November 17, 1941

Mr G. W. Buchanan  
Campus

Dear Mr, Buchanan

Attached you will find Prairie View Community Chest payments  
for the following members of the agricultural faculty:

Name	Amount
Anderson, Mr Pierce -----	\$ 2.75
Bookman, Mr C -----	.75
Coles, Mr R W -----	2.50
Coruthers, Dr J M -----	5.60
Evans, Dr E B -----	6.65
Luter, Mr B S -----	3.75
McMeekin, Mr A L -----	3.50
Miller, Mr A J -----	3.50
Murray, Mr S S -----	3.75
Norris, Dr E M -----	5.82
Potts, Mr L A -----	5.63
Smith, Mr G L -----	4.50
Thomas, Mr O J -----	4.42
Thompson, Mrs Corinne M -----	2.19
Williams, Mr J C -----	3.75
Total -----	\$59.06

This represents payment in full for the Division of Agriculture.

Very truly yours,

L. A. Potts  
Director

LAP:T

cc- Principal W. R. Banks

enclosures - Checks - \$44.31  
Cash - 14.75  
\$59.06