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## Prairie View Enrollment Hits New High

The first post war enrollment for Prairie View University set a new record when 1381 students paid entrance fees.

Instead of the Freshman class only, running "out of bounds" all classes did so. Normally 225 to 250 Sophomores return; this year 309 came back. Instead of 100 Juniors returning, 133 entered and instead of 95 to 30 Seniors, the figure stands at 111. The Freshmen and special students reached the peak of 828 instead of 700.

## Meeting Basic Needs

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only a few of their group throughout the southland.

For this achievement we shall be eternally grateful to our matchless Principal who met successfully every opposition to the project including those barriers thrown up by the war agencies.

Our gratitude goes out also, to the many friends of the institution, everywhere, who tirelessly supported our Chief in this endeavor.

Finally we must express deep appreciation for the handsome way the alumni and ex-students supported the library project. Their support, although not perfect, was magnificent. We hope this interest and zeal in the university's progress will continue and that it will become more and more tangible.

Incidentally, there may be those among the alumni and ex-students who feel that it is not proper for them to make tangible contributions to their institution. This is a mistaken idea. Some of the greatest schools of the country are those that have been helped to become great through the active interest and tangible contributions of their alumni and ex-students.

We should like to ask our friends to help us collect available printed materials dealing with the historical, political, social, and cultural development of Negroes in Texas.

## Football Schedule

PRAIRIE VIEW UNIVERSITY  
1945-46

Date	Opponent	Place
Sept. 29	Samuel Huston	Prairie View
Oct. 15	Wiley	Dallas
Nov. 3	Tillotson	Austin
Nov. 9	Texas	Houston
Nov. 16	Samuel Huston	Austin
Nov. 24	Langston*	Prairie View
Dec. 1	Southern	Scotlandville
Dec. 8	Tillotson	Prairie View
Jan. 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY CLASSIC	Houston

\*Homecoming

## President Speaks

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Library committee headed by Mr. A. W. McDonalld of Galveston, Texas will make it's semi-annual report turning over to the Association all moneys collected from the Spring Commencement to the Home Coming Game. This money will be turned over to the authorities of the college to further add to the funds already given by the Association to help equip the Library.

Home Coming Day this year should bring large crowds for the reason that Alumni and Ex-students have been so busy during the war until they have not had an opportunity to meet and socialize since before Pearl Harbor. We are expecting large crowds of Exes for this occasion. The Library committee is contacting ex-students requesting the amounts needed to finish our campaign and equip the Library to the satisfaction of the most skeptical. Come One Come All to this great occasion. See the Library, see the college and enjoy the game with your friends and school mates.

H. S. ESTELLE, President  
Prairie View Alumni and  
Ex-Students Association

## Prof. Edward Retires

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Mr. Edward is a thrifty and business like individual. He has extensive holdings in Houston, Cuero, Gonzales and San Antonio. The official family regrets his leaving but realizes that every individual is due some years of leisure after having worked a'l of his life.

## Coming Events at Prairie View

DECEMBER, 1945

1. Football—Prairie View vs Tillotson (here)—Dec. 8
2. "Y" Leadership Institute—Dec. 7, 8 and 9
3. Faculty Entertainment—Dec. 11
4. Annual "Y" Entertainment—Dec. 15
5. Christmas Music—Dec. 16
6. Holiday—Dec. 25

JANUARY, 1946

1. Football in Houston (Team to be selected)—Jan. 1
2. Religious Emphasis—Jan. 4-6
3. Football Players Banquet—Jan. 8
4. Annual Faculty Debate—Jan. 20
5. Coronation of "Miss Prairie View"—Jan. 26
6. Civilian Protection Institute—Jan. 28-31
7. Extension Service Institute—Jan.

FEBRUARY, 1946

1. Beginning Second Semester—Feb. 1
2. N.F.A. and N.H.M. Conference—Feb. 14-16
3. Holiday—Washington's Birthday—Feb. 22
4. State Contest AA Basketball—Feb. 22-23

MARCH, 1946

1. Post Graduate Medical Clinic—March 3-7
2. Educational Conference—March 8
3. Leadership Institute (Presbyterian)—March 18-20
4. Skills Examinations—March 27-30
5. Faculty Entertainment—March 26

APRIL, 1946

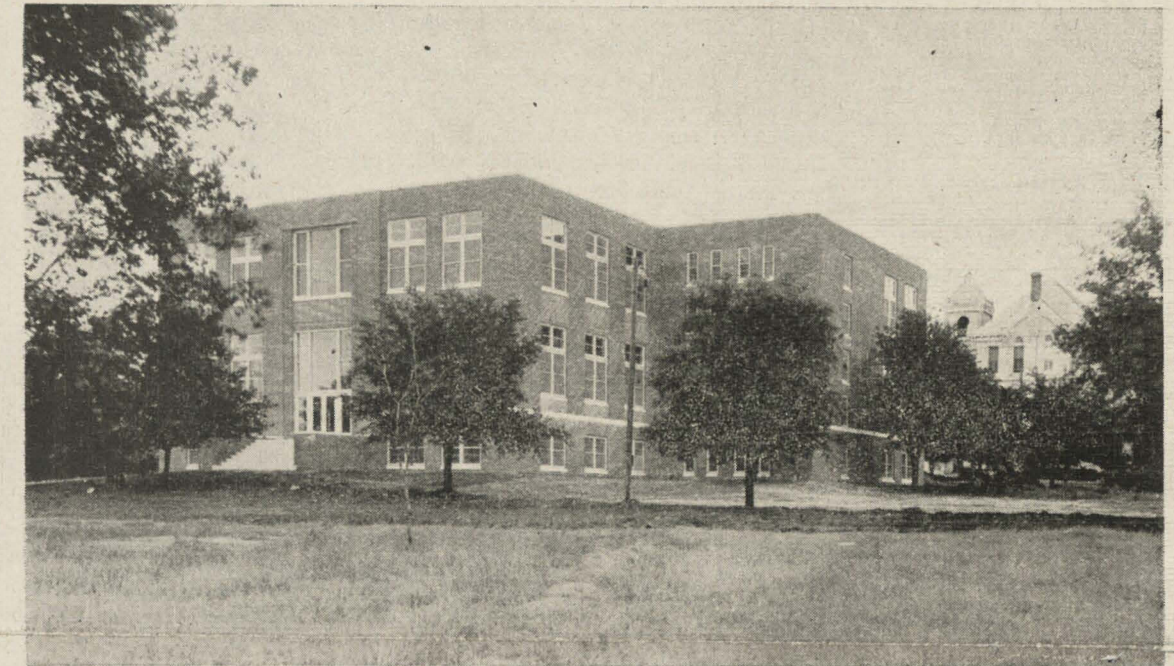
1. National Health Week—April 1-7
2. Inter-Collegiate Relays and Tennis Tournament—April 5-6
3. Texas Interscholastic League Classes B.C.D.—April 13
4. Texas Interscholastic League Classes A and AA—April 20
5. Annual Elementary Grades Musical—April 14
6. Annual Maheagris—April 24
7. Annual High School Grades Musical—April 21

MAY, 1946

1. Honors Day—May 6
2. Cadet Officers Entertainment—May 4
3. Senior-Junior Annual Entertainment—May 11
4. Annual Alumni Meeting—May 18
5. Parents Day, Baccalaureate and Commencement—May 19
6. End of Second Semester—May 22
7. Conference of Vocational Workers—May 22-31

# The Prairie View Standard

## THE W. R. BANKS LIBRARY



The \$200,000.00 Prairie View library will be put into operation at Prairie View this semester. Summer students, 4-H Club boys and girls faculty, employees and regular session students followed Principal W. R. Banks' lead in carrying books from the old library to the new. More than 20,000 volumes were moved in this manner. The old library had a 20,000 volume capacity, the new 100,000.

## Meeting Basic Needs

By O. J. BAKER, Librarian

The basic philosophy of this institution as a college has included the aim of serving Negroes of Texas at the point of their greatest need. There has been no indication given that this aim will be abandoned under the recently acquired university status.

For many, many years one of the greatest needs felt by the students at Prairie View has been that of adequate library facilities including an enlarged staff, suitable book resources, ample financial support, and library quarters suitable in every respect for the purposes they must serve.

With the completion of the W. R. Banks Library, Prairie View students stand at the door of ever widening teaching and learning opportunities. In this respect they will be second to

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## Prof. Edward Retires

Prof. N. B. Edward, one of those names that is inseparable from Prairie View, retired August 31, 1945 and will live at 2202 Nevada Street, San Antonio, Texas. He was associated with Prairie View for more than a quarter of a century and during that time he held a number of different positions. Among them were: Instructor of Grammar, Rhetoric, English, and Latin. He was Editor of The Standard, Secretary of the Workers Meeting, Secretary and Custodian of the Interscholastic League, a member of the Discipline Committee and a member of the Publicity Committee, most times being chairman of the latter. Mr. Edward is author of a volume of poems "Lyrics of the Lowly". He has received compliments from some of the highest ranking state and national figures for this piece of work.

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## President of Association Speaks

The Prairie View Alumni and Ex-students Association has done a fine job in helping to equip the W. R. Banks Library. The Association recalls that "Books are the Tools that provide the basic means for obtaining inspiration and information for students." On this statement as a premise the association went on record at the Spring Commencement favoring a second campaign which will end on "Home Coming Day" which is November 24, 1945 when Prairie View and Langston University will entertain the great crowds on the Gridiron on Blackshear field. Four important committees of the Alumni Association will use the morning of November 24th in conferences and will attend the game in mass in the afternoon. The

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HOME COMING NOVEMBER 24

P. V. Panthers vs. Langston Lions



## The Prairie View Standard

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W. R. BANKS, Managing Editor

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## VARIETY

By R. W. HILLIARD

### Post War Greetings!

It is good to greet the vast throng of Prairie View-ites in this manner. Upward of 1500 Prairie View sons and daughters served our great country in World War II. As you will recall, five of the first 36 WAAC officers were Prairie View-ites and the first Negro girl to arrive for WAAC training was a Prairie View-ite. As for the men — they served well. Principal Banks received communications from "high ups" praising the Prairie View men. The R. O. T. C. was given much credit by most of the men who served and are serving.

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I had the opportunity to see a paper from the European theater of operations with James Tuckers picture in it. He is traveling over that theater of operations with a U. S. Track Team. As you might expect, he is still breaking records.

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Homecoming has been set for November 24, 1945 when Coach Billy Nicks Prairie View Panthers meet Coach Zip Gayles Langston Lions. By the way, the Panthers will be in there pitching this year. Coach Nicks, Dr. Solomon, and Mr. Nelson are hard at work with some first rate prospects. The Homecoming is to be a semi-pre-war affair with all of the trimmings.

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It is highly probable that Prairie View will publish an annual this school year. This would be the fifth in history. We want YOU to be in the Alumni and Ex-Student section. Listen out.

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Prairie View is at the point of becoming one of the nations greatest Universities. The fine support given

Principal Banks by the newspapers and citizens meant much in the recent change in budget. This is only the beginning.

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Mr. Robert J. Willis, brother to the late W. S. Willis, paid Prairie View a visit September 20. This was his first trip back since 1900 when he was a student. Believe it or not he and Mr. R. W. Rayford recognized each other even though the short span of forty five years had passed. Mr. Willis is a retired city official living at 1814 15th Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn. He also exchanged experiences with Mr. Pierce Anderson.

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With sufficient dormitory space our enrollment could have easily passed the 1800 mark this school year. 1398 enrolled between September 10 and 18.

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As Principal Banks moves into his twentieth year at Prairie View and as Prairie View changes from college to university it becomes fitting and proper to review Principal Banks' leadership.

### NON-MATERIAL

In September 1926 Prairie View had one Master degree on the faculty. Less than half of the regular teachers had the Bachelors degree. Today Prairie View has 7 teachers with the Ph.D. degree, 63 with the Masters degree and 29 with the Bachelors degree. Twelve have certificates from some of the best schools available.

The R.O.T.C. has become a Senior unit and is staffed with six persons.

In order to be of service to the citizens of the state numerous conferences have been initiated at Prairie View during Mr. Banks administration. The Annual Educational Conference, usually held early in March, is perhaps the most outstanding one. The printed volumes of the conference are in demand the world over. More than 2000 off campus persons came to the conference before the war.

In 1925 salaries of Directors of divisions were less than \$2,000.00 per year. Today they are about double that amount. Salaries of other employees have been raised from 60 per cent to 100 per cent.

Prairie View had no rating in 1923 but it is now rated Class "A" by the Texas State Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It is

also approved by the American College of Surgeons.

Work leading to the Masters degree is offered.

### MATERIAL

A list of some of the more important material improvements is being given:

1928	Evans Hall—\$100,000.00
1928	The Farm Shop Building—\$1,800.00
1929	The Hospital—\$100,000.00
1930	The Industrial Engineering Building—\$90,000.00
1931	The Education Building—\$75,000.00
1933	Anderson Hall—\$56,000.00
1934	The Greenhouse—\$1,000.00
1932	Hermitage—\$2,477.74
1932	Bellaire—2,477.73
1935	Alta Vista—\$2,770.10
1936	The Incubator House—\$17,000.00
1936	The National Youth Administration Dormitory for Girls—\$3,411.34
1937	The National Youth Administration Dormitory for Boys—\$3,792.74
1938	The Gymnasium-Auditorium —\$55,000.00
1939	The Dining Hall—\$100,000.00
1940	Farm Project Unit (2)—\$3,600.00
1941	Schuhmacher Hall—\$50,200.00
1941	Filling and Fire Station—\$4,400.00
1942	National Youth Administration Dormitory No. 3—\$1,700.00
1942	New Farm Shop Building—\$2,300.00
1944	Gift of \$100,000.00 worth of N. Y. A. shop equipment.
1945	Library Building—\$200,000.00 Cottages for teachers \$30,000.00

With all of the accomplishments listed, Mr. Banks still is not satisfied. No progressive individual is ever quite satisfied with accomplishments. Prairie View, like most colleges for Negroes, suffers from lack of funds. The men who head these schools do not necessarily condone the practice of giving an inadequate budget. They must decide between throwing up their hands in despair or working with what is appropriated, taking advantage of every opportunity to increase an inadequate budget. Thus when a man expresses appreciation to citizens who aided in getting a budget raised from \$260,000 to \$410,000 it does not necessarily mean that the amount is sufficient.

## LETTERS

Greetings:

We are still in our Library Drive for funds. This is known as our Victory Gift Fund which will close on Alumni Day May, 1946.

During the Drive, we will have two reports; one will be on Homecoming Day, November 24, 1945 at the College, the other will be on Alumni Day, May 1946 at the College.

Please decide within yourselves and for the great love which you have for your Alma Mater, which one of these drives you will make your Victory donation in.

For your information in a little more than 30 days we raised more than \$1,300.00.

This money will be used to fit up a room in the new Library with books, and reading materials etc.

May I have your cooperation in this movement? Professor W. L. D. Johnson of Houston has made a fine showing in the above mentioned drive, along with Professor G. W. Buchanan of Prairie View and Principal W. R. Banks of the Institution.

I am counting on you for a liberal donation on either day, Home coming, November 24, 1945 or Alumni day May 1946. I am more than thankful to those who gave their splendid cooperation in last year's drive. May I have your cooperation in this final Victory Drive?

I am yours for a 100 per cent drive.

A. W. McDONALD, Chairman

Prairie View Alumni Ex-Students Library Fund.

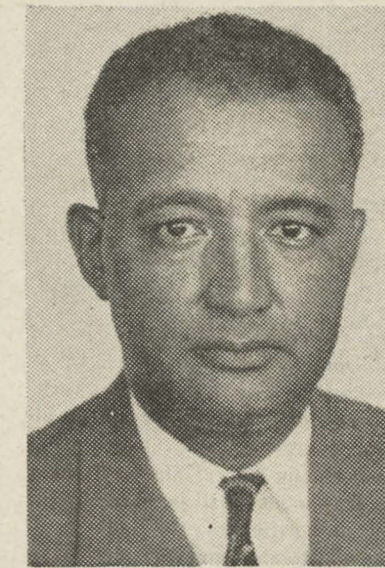
76 Edgecombe Ave., Apt. 1  
New York City 30, N.Y.  
August 29, 1945

Dear Mr. Hilliard:

It will interest you to know I am sure, that the New York Prairie View Club has been organized. We perfected the organization Thursday night, August 23rd. After our next meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 9th. I'll send you the names of our official roster. Please send to my address by returned mail a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws; also, one of your News Letters. We would appreciate receiving any suggestions that may be forth coming. We hope to make the work and influence of our club very effective and far reaching.

With every good wish, I am

## New Head of the Prairie View Hospital



Dr. H. D. Patton new head of the Prairie View Hospital and Nurse Training program. Dr. Patton did his internship at Prairie View. After this period he practiced in Wharton and Palestine. For more than 15 years he was closely associated with Dr. J. M. Franklin at Prairie View.

## Prairie View Student Orientation Program Diversified

The committee on orientation for freshmen carried out a busy program. The program began September 10 and extended through September 18. It was made up of the following points:

1. Explanation of customs
2. Placement tests
3. Talks by division heads
4. Meetings with advisers
5. Information on registration
6. Vocational guidance, movies
7. Special sermon
8. Meeting with Dean of men and Dean of women
9. Campus tour
10. Entertainment
11. Tea by Principal and Mrs. Banks
12. Manners and conduct Clinic
13. Talent night
15. A night of fun by "Y"
16. How to study and how to use the Library
17. Introduction of Student Leaders.

Very truly yours,

S. H. Fowler, Sr.

P.S. Please send me the names of any "P. V. its" you may know in New York.

## Sgt. Lloyd Scott Visits

National Singles tennis champion Lloyd Scott paid Prairie View a visit the week of September 17. Sgt. Scott won the Nebraska open (being the only Negro entered) won the national singles crown and teamed with Graves to win the doubles.

He followed this by taking a jaunt to Los Angeles to win the California singles. He defeated Jimmie McDaniels in the finals at the national and in Los Angeles.

He won the title first in 1936 and again in 1944 and 1945. His fans in Texas are some what disappointed in the fact that, contrary to the custom, no cameras have been on the scene either of the last two years.

## Alumni and Ex-students Rally To Alma Mater

Mr. A. W. McDonald, chairman of the Library Fund Drive sent out an appeal April 20, to former students for funds to buy library books. On May 19, he succeeded in collecting \$718.00. Mr. G. W. Buchanan collected \$239.50 of this and Mr. W. L. D. Johnson collected \$222.00.

Principal Banks made a local appeal and received \$582.79. Included in the latter were contributions of \$147.12 from the class of 1931 and \$253.50 from the class of 1935.

Mr. O. J. Thomas sent out a membership appeal April 20, and added 467 new members. The following persons assisted him: Mr. D. W. Martin, Mr. C. A. Harrison, Mr. W. M. Collins, Mrs. Bernice Marks, Mr. J. C. Madison, Mr. J. J. Woods, Miss Eloise McDonald, Mrs. Ruby Nelson, Mr. B. F. Thomas, Mr. W. D. Thompson, Mr. L. T. Hayes, Mr. Harold Collins, Mr. C. L. Sadberry, Mr. R. S. Austin, Miss Pauline Archie, Mr. B. F. Hudson, Mr. A. E. Adams, Mr. F. R. Rice, Mr. Jodie Phillips, Mrs. Alice Muckleroy, Mrs. Mrs. Helen McCary, Mr. O. E. White, Mr. A. W. McDonald and Mrs. Ruby Nichols.

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