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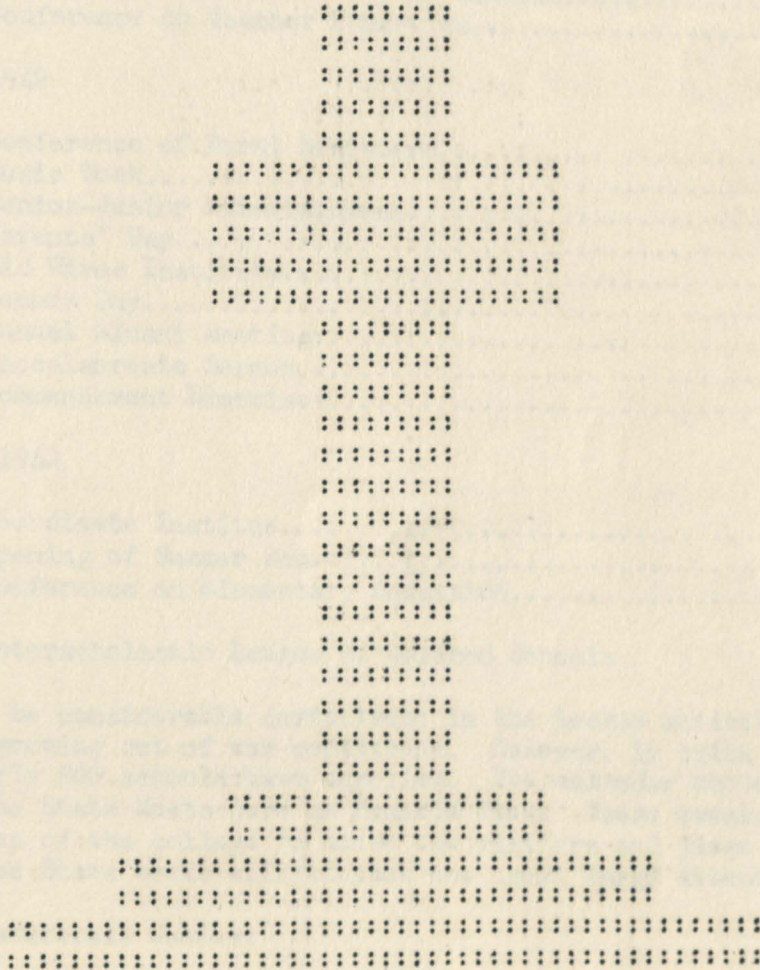
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PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE

Prairie View, Texas

A. Calendar

1. April, 1942

- a. Health Week.....April 5-11
- b. Collegiate Relays and Tennis-Southwest.....April 9-11
- c. Interscholastic State Meet C & D Schools.....April 17
- d. Interscholastic State Meet A & B Schools.....April 18
- e. Interscholastic State Meet AA Schools.....April 25
- f. Conference on Teacher Education.....April 31-May 2

2. May, 1942

- a. Conference of Rural Ministers.....May 1
- b. Music Week.....May 1-8
- c. Senior-Junior Entertainment.....May 9
- d. Parents' Day.....May 10
- e. Mid Wives Institute.....May 12
- f. Honors Day.....May 12
- g. Annual Alumni Meeting.....May 16
- h. Baccalaureate Sermon.....May 17
- i. Commencement Exercises.....May 18

3. June, 1942

- a. Coordinate Institute.....June 1-4
- b. Opening of Summer School.....June 5
- c. Conference on Elementary Education.....June 26

B. The Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools

There will be considerable curtailment in the League activities due to the emergency growing out of war conditions. However, in spite of this, already, nearly 800 schools have enrolled. The calendar above gives the dates of the State Meets here at Prairie View. These events usually tax the capacity of the college to house the visitors and judge the many events. The State Meets will attract the usual large attendance.

C. The State Basketball Contest

The State Basketball Contest under the League, was held at Prairie View on February 27, and 28, with 16 high schools of the AA class participating. The State Winner was the Wheatley High School of Houston, Texas—Mr J E Codwell, Coach, and Professor E O Smith, Principal. The runner-up team was from Yates High School, Houston, Texas, under the supervision of Coach Patterson, and Principal W S Holland.

The first place winners received 10 individual gold basketballs, and the second place winners received 10 individual silver basketballs. Both teams were awarded beautiful trophies for their excellent performance. Wheatley High School team received the invitation to participate in the National Tournament at Tuskegee Institute, March 27, 28, 1942.

D. State High School Band Demonstration

We are pleased to announce that in the Third State High School Band Contest, held at Prairie View State College, March 21, under the auspices of the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools, ten schools participated. This event was indeed a colorful affair, and the great crowd witnessing it noted the marked improvement over previous years.

Class I. Central High School of Galveston, Texas, won first place in Class I Concert Band Demonstration, and first place in the Marching Band Demonstration. Anderson High School, Austin, Texas won second place in Concert Band Demonstration.

Class II. There were no contestants for Class II.

Class III. In Class III, the unclassified group, Goose Creek High School was winner of first place in the Concert Band Demonstration, and second place in the Marching Band Demonstration.

In this connection, it is important to mention that, for the first time, we had a participant in violin demonstration. Miss Rose Marie Carter of Kemp High School, Bryan, Texas, the daughter of Dr I A Carter of Bryan, was the only contestant. Her performance was excellent.

Schools Competing:

Anderson High School, Austin
Principal W B Campbell

Central High School, Galveston
Principal Morgan

Crockett High School, Crockett
Principal W M Henry

Pickard High School, Brenham
Principal A R Pickard

Colored High School, Chester
Principal Bernice Marks

Kemp High School, Bryan
Principal R C Neal

Centre Point High School, Pittsburg
Principal Christine Cash

Washington High School, Marlin
Principal H J Hines

Carver High School, Goose Creek
Principal A E Archia

Colored High School, Caldwell
Principal A F Douglass

The month of April is the busiest period of the year for League activities. It is the time when most of the District Meets preparatory for the Annual State Meet at Prairie View are held. While we have had some curtailment in League participation this year because of the emergency resulting from war participation, the outlook for a great State Meet is encouraging. In spite of many handicaps, a great many schools realized the value of League participation in the local communities, and have enrolled their schools and participated regardless of conditions. We are grateful to these fine people for making the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools worthwhile.

E. And Finally...

"IF BOYS AND GIRLS AND YOUTH are not brought under the influence of men and women of the finest type, truly democratic education is not possible. If the American people desire to defend the democratic faith against assault from within or without, they can scarcely pay too high a price to place such men and women in the public schools of the country."—Edu Policies Commission

P S Meeting Usual Time and Place.

WRB:C

THE NEGRO EXTENSION SERVICE OF TEXAS

Dr E B Evans---State Leader

Some Accomplishments for 1941

The accomplishments listed below represent a portion of the culmination of our efforts to serve the rural Negro population of Texas at the point of their greatest needs.

A. Farm Demonstration Work - District Agents: Messrs H S Estelle and John Williams

1. Number swine demonstrations	1,548
2. Number animals involved	30,088
3. Meat cured, beef and pork (pounds)	4,825,766
4. Gallons of syrup made the improved way	69,399
5. Farms terraced	472
6. Acres terraced	19,205
7. Farmers practicing gully control	115
8. New orchards planted	393
9. Fruit trees, bushes, and vines added	28,130
10. Number beef calves sold	681
11. Total weight of calves sold	791,993
12. Total sales of calves	\$29,011.00

B. Home Demonstration Work - District Agents: Mrs I W Rowan and Mrs J O Conner

1. Members in Home Demonstration Clubs	13,140
2. Home Demonstration Clubs	596
3. Girls in 4-H Clubs	417
4. 4-H club members	8,025
5. Number of families budgeted food expenditures for a year	9,016
6. Number of families served during the year	22,850
7. Families produced and preserved home food supply for the year	12,155
8. Number quarts of fruits vegetables, and meat canned and preserved during the year	1,573,635
9. Value of products canned	\$970,549.87
10. Clothing Demonstrations	152
11. Food selection and preparation	455
12. Food preservation	322
13. Home Improvement	733
14. Number of families using Texas Food Standard	6,831

Vigorous plans have been made for our work to be continued even in a larger measure in cooperating with all other agencies that have to do with the betterment of Negro rural life in connection with the National Defense program being launched throughout the nation.

Editorial

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LOYALTY FROM ALL

England's troubles in the Far East are due in large degree to the refusal of India to cooperate fully in the war effort. Had India put her 300,000,000 people and immense resources fully behind the war, Singapore in all probability would not have fallen, Burma would not now be in danger, China's lifeline of supplies would not be menaced, and Japan's attack would have lost much of its power. There is grave doubt whether Indians will strongly defend their own land in case of Japanese attack. Many persons in India see little difference between subjection to the British and subjection to the Japanese. Hence all the present talk about granting India a dominion status immediately.

What India wants amounts to a partnership rather than a state of dependency. If she is going to run the risks of war, she wants to be sure of sharing more in the benefits of victory.

Here in America we have a problem of our own which should be faced frankly. In this country are 10,000,000 Negroes. They are being called upon to fight, to risk and to sacrifice, just as are all the other inhabitants of the country. They are doing that willingly. There has just been graduated at Tuskegee Institute the nation's first class of Negro flying cadets. One of Alabama's first casualties at Pearl Harbor was a Negro. Leaders of the race say there has not been a single Negro conscientious objector.

But Negroes also want to be of service on the home front. They want consideration for jobs. They want to be used in home defense activities. They want a fair distribution of jobs growing out of the war as well as of the danger at the front. They want to feel that the ideals for which they are fighting mean something to them, too.

These pleas by Negro leaders are not to go unanswered by the white people of the nation if the country is to deserve the highest loyalty and the best service from all citizens.