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"Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, good will toward men."
Luke 2:14

December, 1942

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE
Prairie View, Texas

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NEWS LETTER

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A CALENDAR --

- 1 Faculty Entertainment ... Dr A K Smith, Chairman December 8
- 2 Student Day December 10
- 3 Annual "Y" Entertainment December 12
- 4 Christmas Holidays December 23-29

B FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT

On Tuesday evening, December 8, 1942, the Faculty at the College will have its Fourth Entertainment. Dr Smith and his committee are extending themselves in making the evening really worthwhile. A great number of the faculty members have already paid. We want to urge every one to take an active part in this most worthwhile activity. Let us enroll 100% before December 5. Mr Buchanan is the Treasurer of the Fund.

C THE COMMUNITY CHEST -

It has been decided that the Heads of Departments and Directors of Divisions would serve as collectors of Community Chest dues in their respective sections. It is our sincere hope that we shall enroll 100% before January 1, 1943.

D THE ANNUAL -

Mr R W Hilliard and the Annual Staff are anxious to have copies in the hands of all subscribers by March 1, 1943. To do this it is going to be necessary for us to have our pictures made and subscribe at once. We are hopeful that this edition of the annual will be the best in its history. Let employees from every Department or Division of the college cooperate to the end of giving Mr Hilliard your subscription as early as possible.

E THINGS WORTHY OF NOTE --

- 1 The Nautilus Club members fitting up the old Barber Shop room at the Guest House for a kitchen.
- 2 The opening of the new Canteen near the filling station will serve a great need.
- 3 Another group of thirty boys of the NYA training unit were sent to the West Coast recently for employment in the shipbuilding industry.
- 4 A piano has been provided for the young ladies in Anderson Hall.
- 5 Lieutenant Alice Marie Jones, WAAC, has been assigned recruiting officer for the Eighth Corps Area. She will be at Prairie View the first week in December.
- 6 Mr G L Smith will have off the press soon a bulletin on Poultry Production.
- 7 Attention is called to the general letter hereto attached.
- 8 The total enrollment for Prairie View State College in all Departments for the first semester 1942-1943 is

F AND FINALLY -

Your attention is drawn to the challenging words contained in -

The Negro's Bellum Sermon - 1942 Version
By C Leroy Hacker

"I've known rivers ancient as the world;

"I've builded civilizations upon their banks that defied the ravages of time and from their oozy mud I have raised crops to fill the storehouses of the world.

"I have been master, slave, king, serf, ruler, and the dust of the earth.

"I have been proud, humiliated, arrogant, humble, impossible, genius, and plain dumb.

"I have strutted, walked dejected, sung, cried, laughed, and moaned.

"With this rich background I come to join the other underprivileged peoples of the world in this present conflict.

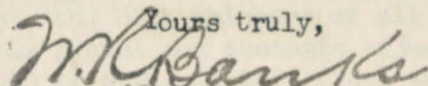
"They ask why I fight; Hell! I fight for the same things the other guys fight for - AN EQUAL BREAK; no more, no less.

"I ain't special, I'm just human - just a man. Then don't ask me to be a super-man; don't ask me to do a steam shovel's job with a cigar box top.

"But give me a man's job with a man's training, getting a man's pay and I'll turn you out a man's job that'll make the Allies wage war with a new spirit and the Axis green with envy.

"WHY? Because America, I am the laven in your bread of life. I am the ever present, thinking, emotional, fearless, American Negro - YOUR MEASURING ROD OF DEMOCRACY."

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Yours truly,

W R Banks
Principal

WRB:bt

P S: Meeting the usual hour at the Auditorium-Gymnasium. WRB

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL & INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE
Prairie View, Texas

Office of the Principal

November 27, 1942

My dear Colleague:

In discussing the general situation at Prairie View State College at a recent meeting, the Personnel Committee was able to identify four serious problem areas. The areas identified are as follows:

- A Unusual noise, almost to the point of rowdiness at moving picture shows.
- B Unnecessary and unbecoming noise in the student dining hall during meal hours.
- C Throwing paper and trash on the campus.
- D Frustration and doubt in the minds of male students because of war conditions and the possibility of being drafted.

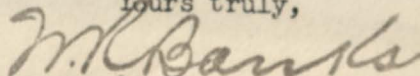
The following suggestions were made, looking toward the improvement of the problems noted above:

- (1) That instructors at Prairie View State College take at least five minutes of class time daily in an effort to impress upon the students the importance of good public behavior, clean and orderly surroundings. We want to recognize that improper conduct in public places is a serious liability, and also there are instances where our people have been segregated and penalized because of the charge of unsightly environments.
- (2) In regards to the evident unrest among the male students because of the war situation and draft, we want to take the time to impress upon the young men that it is very essential now that we train ourselves in all available fields of learning, because in the post-war period, it is going to take the best thinkers of all people to bring about the proper social and economic adjustments. Our people have much at stake in this final adjustment. Therefore, we want to urge young men and women to prepare themselves for the exacting duties and responsibilities that will face citizens tomorrow in a complex civilization.

I feel that if every member of the staff here, who has anything to do with the handling of students, will take five minutes a day in each class to discuss informally the remedies for the problems pointed out in A, B, C, and D, we should observe considerable improvement. Let us take the dates November 30, December 1-6 for these daily discussions

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Yours truly,



W R Banks

Principal