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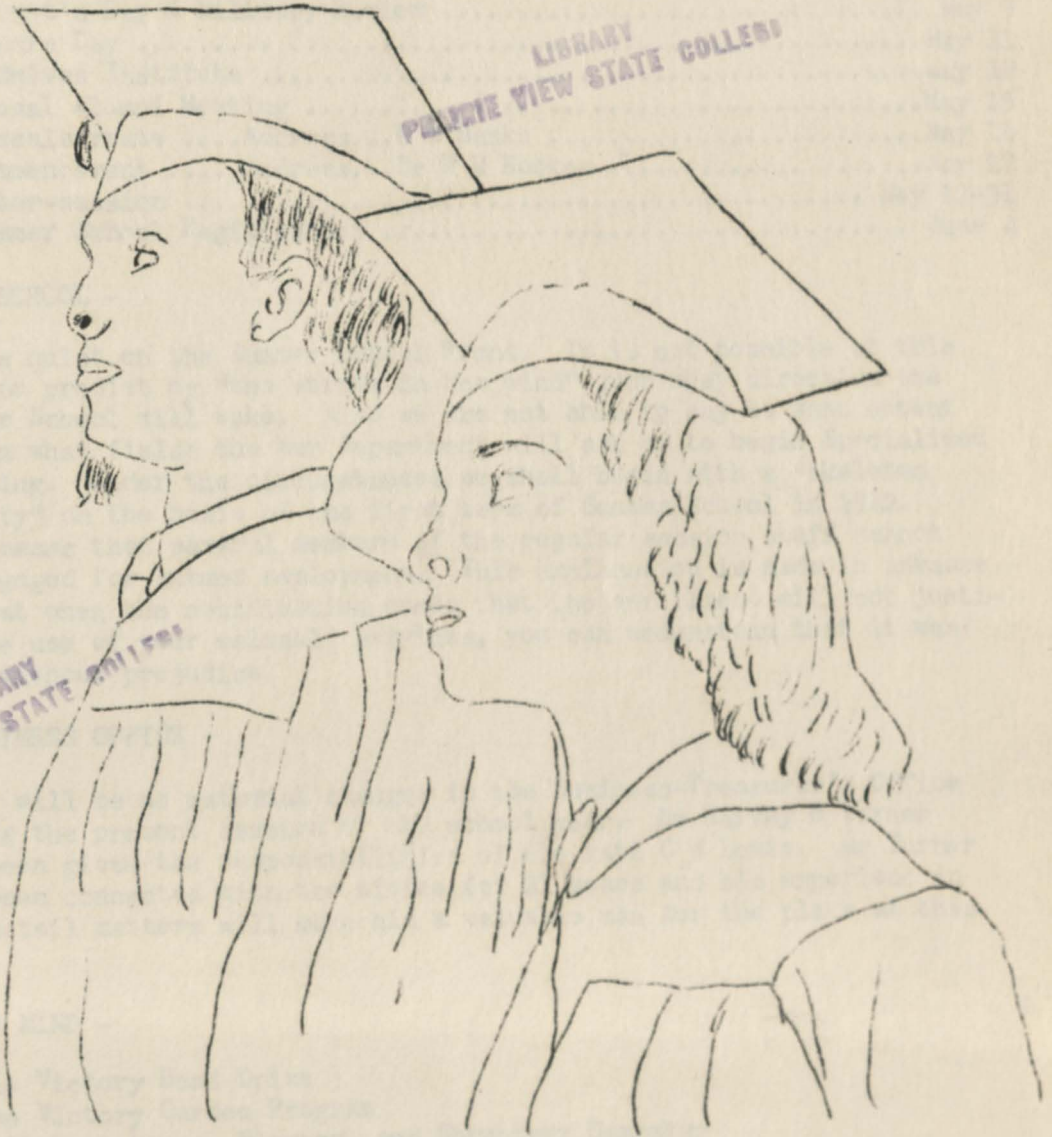
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A CALENDAR -

1	Music Week .....	May 1-9
2	Parent's Day & Military Review .....	May 9
3	Honors Day .....	May 11
4	Midwives Institute .....	May 12
5	Annual Alumni Meeting .....	May 15
6	Baccalaureate ....Address...W R Banks .....	May 16
7	Commencement ....Address...Dr W M Booker .....	May 17
8	Inter-session .....	May 17-31
9	Summer School Registration .....	June 4

B SUMMER SCHCOL -

All is quiet on the Summer School Front. It is not possible at this time to predict by "the straws in the wind" just what direction the Summer School will take. Also we are not able to say to what extent and in what fields the War Department will ask us to begin Specialized Training. Under the circumstances we shall begin with a "skeleton faculty" on the basis of the first term of Summer School in 1942. This means that several members of the regular session staff cannot be engaged for summer employment. This explanation is made in advance so that when the notification comes that the enrollment will not justify the use of your valuable services, you can understand that it was done without prejudice.

C THE BUSINESS OFFICE -

There will be no material changes in the Business-Treasurer's Office during the present session of the school year. Mr Harvey R Turner has been given the responsibilities of the late C W Lewis. Mr Turner has been connected with the office for 21 years and his experience in all detail matters will make him a valuable man for the place at this time.

D KEEP IN MIND -

- 1 The Victory Bond Drive
- 2 The Victory Garden Program
- 3 Well-kept Lawns, Flowers, and Shrubbery Campaign
- 4 The records show that several of the staff have not paid their Community Chest obligation. It is important that this matter be cleared the first week of May. Kindly keep in mind the neglect of paying Community Chest obligation carries with it significant implications.

CHARLES WILLIAM LEWIS

This quiet ----this sudden pause in the daily routine of our busy campus life saddens the hearts of this assembly and of a multitude of friends and acquaintances and intensifies the sorrow in the breaking hearts of loved ones. In the inevitable conflict between the Kings of Life and Death ---- Death with its cat-like tread slipped into our midst early Sunday morning and snatched from us one of our most capable, faithful, dependable, loyal, and zealous workers ---- Charles W Lewis.

We now stand with bowed heads, with heavy hearts, submissive to the will of Him who giveth life for a purpose and who taketh it away in accordance with His will and plan. It is fitting that we pay our last tribute of respect and appreciation for the splendid life and hallowed memory of our friend and colleague.

Twenty-one years ago, in the budding of manhood, he came to Prairie View State College and was soon assigned the duties of Local Treasurer, the position held with unique distinction and efficiency until the time of his death. During this tenure of office, more than \$12,000,000 of public funds were disbursed under his direction and there was never a single note of criticism, nor the color of suspicion raised by the most scrutinizing Public Accountants; but rather warm praises for the efficient, orderly, and accurate manner in which the affairs of his office were conducted. Only a few of our people have been entrusted with the responsibility of handling such a huge sum free from "itching palms"; free from criticisms.

In the marvellous growth of Prairie View State College during the past sixteen years, his unusual business acumen, indefatigable interest and enthusiasm played a signal and substantial role. The task of stretching short budgets; of making "all corners cut" in business matters; of "making bricks without straw", necessitated our working always in close formation and sympathetic understanding and it was in this capacity that the sterling qualities of his character stood out in their full brightness. He was strictly honest; he was orderly; he was methodical; he was intensely interested in and faithful to any task or chore that came to his hands --- whether work or play. He was a man of strong convictions and undaunted courage. In times of emergency and human distress he was thoughtful and sympathetic and no want or need escaped his attention.

Death in human economy gives realism and earnestness to life; it paves the way for the continuity of growth; it sets the goal of life; it makes life tangible and measurable. Death then is the open door that leads to an Abundant and Eternal Life in a world where "Just men are made perfect."

And now to the hallowed memory of the late Charles W Lewis, my respected friend and loyal co-worker -

"Thy day has come, not gone.  
Thy sun has risen, not set.  
Thy life is now beyond the reach of Death or change--  
Not ended ---- but begun.

O! Noble Soul! O! Gentle Heart!  
Hail and Farewell!"

W R Banks  
April 21, 1943