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### Roy Burley Receives Commission

Lieutenant Roy Burley of San Antonio, Texas, was among those nominated by President Truman this week for a commission in the Regular Army of the United States.

Lieutenant Burley is an alumnus of Prairie View College, and was called to active duty from Prairie View in May 1943.

After a fine record as an enlisted man, Burley was sent to Officer Candidate School where he received his commission in 1944.

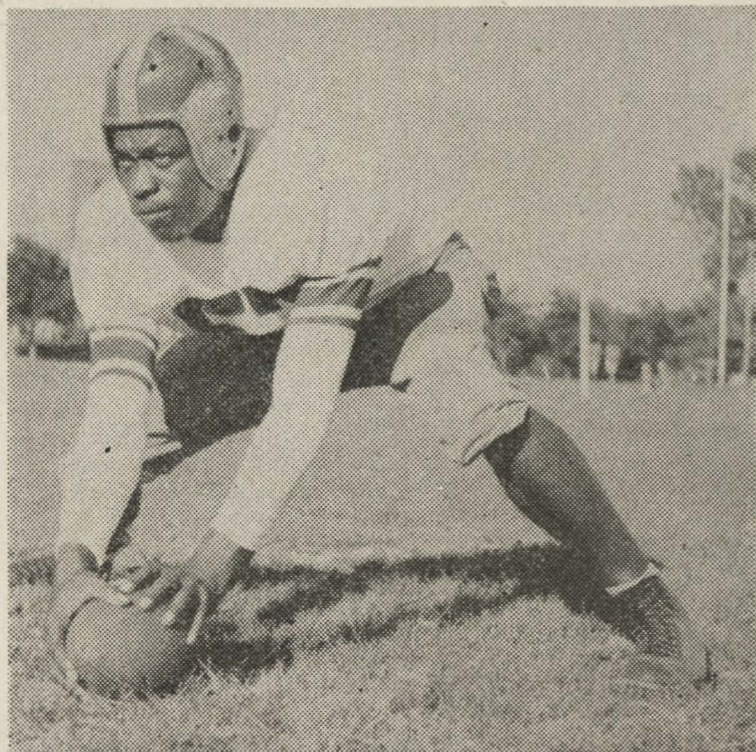
His service includes duty in the Philippines, Hawaii and Japan.

While at Prairie View, Lieutenant Burley was an outstanding student as well as a fine cadet and cadet Officer.

During the war, he married Miss Lillian Snow of Houston, Texas, who is also a Prairie View graduate.

Today, Lieutenant Roy Burley joins that very limited and select group of Officers selected for appointment in the regular Military Establishment.

—The Bugler



D. L. JOHNSON, Prairie View's 1946 all-conference center was at his best against Wiley when the Panthers subdued the Cats 12-6 before 26,000 fans. Johnson is being mentioned for all-American honors.

Coach Wm. Nicks charges are leading the tough Southwest Conference with four wins, no ties and no defeats.

### Prairie View-ite Promoted In Army

First Lieutenant Raymond E. Jackson, of Los Angeles, California, a former student of Houston College, Houston, Texas, has been recently commissioned Captain in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army, it was announced by the Public Information Office at, Hq. Philrycom in Manila.

At present assigned as commanding officer of the 26th Chemical Service Platoon in Manila, Lt. Jackson entered the Army in 1942 leaving for service overseas on June 29, 1945.

Prior to going on active duty, he graduated from Prairie View A. & M. College, Prairie View, Texas.

Lt. Jackson is the son of Mr. N. E. Jackson, of Kendleton, Texas. His wife, Mrs. Desser M. Jackson resides at 1278 East 55 th Street, Los Angeles, Calif.



CAPTAIN ISIAH HEARD, the "mightiest little man" in the conference. The atomic bomb weighs only 155, plays guard and was all-conference in 1946.

# The Prairie View Standard

## GALA HOMECOMING PLANNED

### November 22 To Be History Making

If plans work out the November 22, 1947 Homecoming will be the greatest in the history of the institution. A number of factors will contribute to this. An important factor is a winning football team. At this writing the Panthers have a clean slate with no losses and no ties. Another matter is the fact that the new constitution calls for an official business session with election and all, coming at 9:30 A.M. The Local Alumni Club did not let up on the parade during the war, consequently they have a plenty "know how" in the art of putting on a good parade. The famous Prairie View Drill squad under Mr. Eristus Sams will perform. They have won acclaim all over the country as a result of their demonstration at the Prairie View-Wiley game in Dallas. Sports scribes from all leading papers eyed them. The band and majorettes are tops. It is no secret that the 1947 band is the best small band in the institution's history. Naturally the 100 piece band of the late 30's and early 40's topped anything that Prairie View has had in the way of a spectacle.

Captain Isiah Heard and Co-Captain Arthur Young are committed to giving the old exes a victory on the gridiron. They feel that McDonald and Stoney will serve a type of "T" that will be too strong for the Lions.

After the game, the Re-union classes will hold planning meetings in preparation for their real meeting in May 1948. This will be classes ending in "8". In short, 1908, 1918, 1928, and 1938.

(Dr. Brown of Chicago, Mr. F. G. Fry and Mr. D. W. Martin held one short meeting last summer for the class of 1918. Mr. Bagwell and associates have started plans for the class of 1938. Dr. Brown had me take him

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### Program For Alumni And Ex-Students Meeting

- Prayer .....Chaplain Wm Batts
- Minutes of May Meeting
- Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lulu White
- Greetings .....Principal E. B. Evans
- President's Message.....R. W. Hilliard
- Nomination of Officers
- Report on Book Fund.....Mr. O. J. Baker
- Report.....Mr. A. C. Herald
- Report.....Mr. F. R. Pierson
- Report of Nominating Committee and Final Vote for Officers
- Re-Union Plans for May 1948
- Class Representatives
- Suggestions For A Better Association
- From the Floor
- Announcement of 1947-48 Officers
- Adjournment ..... Chaplain

### Directory of Officers

- PRAIRIE VIEW ALUMNI AND EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
- Mr. R. W. Hilliard, president; Mrs. Jessie Robertson, first vice president; Mr. I. B. Kemp, second vice president; Mr. A. C. Herald, executive secretary; Mrs. Lulu M. White, corresponding secretary; Mr. R. T. Tatum, treas.

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### New Miss Prairie View Selected by Students

Miss Joyce Wilson of Somerville, Texas, a graduate of St. Peter Claver High School in San Antonio won the coveted title of "Miss Prairie View" for 1947-48. She succeeds Miss L. M. Brown of Houston, who is now an employee of Watchtower Insurance Company. Miss Wilson and her manager, Mr. Arthur Riddle (said to be the best manager in the history of the contest) campaigned on the slogan "Joyce the people's choice." The second place contestant was Miss Horthel Dickens of Houston, Texas. Miss Dickens had as her manager Mr. Hardin Ross. Miss Lillian Baugh of West Columbia was third place. Her manager was Mr. Olsen Rogers.

The Prairie View Dallas Club entertained the party in a royal manner. On Sunday, October 12, 1947 at 2:00 P.M. Mr. Bertran Holbert met the group at the station. They were carried to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Rone and Mrs. B. J. Patton, Sr. Miss Merrill Hixson and Miss Inez Montgomery prepared the dinner. In the late evening the party was guest at the A. K. A. formal.

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### ALMA MATER — "Dear Prairie View"

Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise,  
In gratitude we sing our hymn of praise,  
For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections,  
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee,  
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion,  
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

As days go by our hearts will not grow cold,  
We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold,  
We'll through our lives exemplify thy teaching,  
We'll always strive a blessing to be,  
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,  
We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by Mr. O. A. Fuller  
Tune "Finlandia"

YOU should learn this song.

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Signed E. B. EVANS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 1947.

(Signed) R. W. Hilliard

(My Commission expires June 1949)

## VARIETY

By R. W. HILLIARD

Again we greet the vast throng of Prairie View sons and daughters. The October and May issues of the Standard are Alumni and Ex-Student's issue according to the schedule released by Dr. E. B. Evans.

Plans are being worked out for a history making Homecoming. Read them elsewhere in this paper and try to be in the number present.

It was my good pleasure to meet with the Prairie View group of Los Angeles, California twice during August. A planning committee was in session at the YMCA August 13, 1947. Mr. Maurice Hawes, vice-president was presiding. The group was tickled pink to hear from Prairie View. They were very cordial to Mrs. Hilliard and me. The small group insisted that I bring back their general association dues. They also promised that they would get the entire club to affiliate this year. The names and addresses of those who paid dues follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Johnson  
1625 East 22nd  
Mr. Randolph Washington  
4062 South Central  
Mr. William Smith  
675 East 120th Street  
Mrs. Norman Talley  
3041 9th Avenue  
Mr. Wm. Daley  
3749 Wall Street  
Miss Ieene McDonald  
225 W. 53rd Street

After the meeting, Mr. Randolph Washington carried us to one of his businesses on Central and dined us until we said "stop." By the way "Randy" has a place that is valued at more than \$50,000. That former center (listed as one of Prairie View's greats) Maurice Hawes is occupied collecting rent. His wife (the former Madee Shepherd) is a "school-marm" in the L.A. public schools. One can safely say that 90% of the exes are "eating high off the hog."

Another big big-shot, D. Hodges of the Golden State Insurance (he signs the checks. I saw him do it) was swell, too. They have a group of Prairie View-ites in their firm. Among them are Mrs. Vernell Warren Barksdale, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Miss Talley and several others. "Dee" took us pop calling. Among those whom we visited was "Sergeant

Mills" (as we knew him.) He retired as Lieutenant. He has been quite sick but is mending nicely. Mrs. Mills was fine.

On Saturday night, August 16, we "dropped in on" a party being given by Attorney Curtis Taylor, former president of the Prairie View Club. We saw 100 or more Prairie View-ites ranging from the class of 1905 on down to 1946. Attorney Taylor is rated as one of the best criminal lawyers in Los Angeles.

One error that is often made by clubs is to organize and not contact the general association. I have been President just a year and have received word from several clubs that they cannot hear from us. It is easy for a club to write the institution and ask that the letter be directed to the Association President or Secretary but it is difficult for us to search and find the name and address of a club officer.

We want a list of officers for our papers. We also want clubs to affiliate.

A matter which I will mention now and discuss more fully at our meeting 9:30 A.M. November 22 is the starting of a "Prairie View Development Fund." The trend now is for re-union classes, individuals through cash or wills, and clubs to give money to a development fund and one day when that fund reaches an adequate amount embark on some big project. The reason for leaving the old system of each administration pushing one particular project is that it leaves too many different funds ear marked for a certain thing. Also it prevents the group from aiming at something big. You perhaps noticed where A. & M. is planning a \$1,000,000 Recreation Center. This is being done from a development fund put up by students and ex-students. You cannot imagine this being done by one Alumni Administration. It is an over lapping affair.

So re-union classes, be thinking about giving \$100 to \$500 on this fund (if the plan is adopted).

Well, Jackie Robinson has forced Negro Colleges to re-instate baseball. We will have a team next spring. As I talk of another Panther baseball team, I am reminded of such players as: "Nubby" Arnold, Jim Bishop, "Big" Watt or A. I. Watson, Sanford Montena, A. G. Hilliard, Jr. Taft Younger, Marion Bates, Ted Hunter,

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## Gala Homecoming

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to his old room in Foster Hall. He met the occupants—a 30 year span.)

To end the day the students will open up with an entertainment in the gymnasium to be followed by the faculty and visitors.

The program follows:  
9:30-11:30 A.M. — Alumni and Ex-students Meeting—Library Auditorium  
12:00-1:00 P.M.—Dinner  
1:15 P.M.—Parade  
2:30 P.M. — Football: Prairie View vs. Langston  
5:00-6:00 P.M.—Supper  
6:30-7:30 P.M. — Reunion Planning Committee Meetings—Education Building  
7:00-9:20 P.M.—Students' Dance  
9:40-11:55 P.M. — Visitors and Faculty Dance—Gymnasium (Compliments of Local Alumni Club, Mr. L. E. Scott, president.)

## P. V.-ite Elected To The Colorado House of Representatives

The Honorable O. C. Abernethy, member of the House of Representatives of the State of Colorado is a graduate of Prairie View in 1930. Mr. O. C. Abernethy, a veteran of World War II, was an honor student in the department of Agriculture at Prairie View. He has been Assistant City Treasurer for Denver since 1940. Representative and Mrs. Abernethy are the proud parents of three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy visited Prairie View, October 23, 1947.

## Miss Prairie View

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On Monday morning at 8:30 A.M. a new convertible Oldsmobile driven by an expert chauffeur called for the party and drove them in the parade. Following the parade the Holberts had the group to dinner. They later went to the game where at half time Attorney C. B. Bunkley, '41 graduate of Prairie View, crowned Miss Joyce Wilson. The next morning the party entrained for Prairie View. Thanks to the individuals named and to Mr. Cedar Walton, acting president of the Club the Miss Prairie View Party had a lovely time.

## Variety

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Tom Burton, Wm. Pigford, Armstead Martin, Paul Rutledge, Elton "Did" Parchman, "Mex" B. T. Harris, Grady Barrens, Anderson O'Neil, T. L. "Tom" Pink, William Guy Hunt, and a host of other "Greats."

Those who stay from the "Hill" five years at a time will be lost when they visit. You will not know the campus if you remain away until 1952.

The new recreation center is a honey. It is now open and most of the services planned are in operation.

As it should be, the first thing that catches one's attention on entering the lobby is the furniture. It was furnished by Mr. Hobart Taylor, of Houston. He gave \$500, the largest amount ever given by an ex-student.

The building has a student game room and lounge, a conference room and a snack bar.

In short it is tops.

## Cleaver Receives Oakland School Post

Arthur G. Cleaver, president of Marin County, California branch, N. A. A. C. P., was appointed recently to a teaching position in Oakland at the Tompkins School.

Cleaver, who has been president of the Marin County branch since it was chartered two years ago, is vitally interested in the N.A.A.C.P. program, and energized his branch last year to the point that it was selected for honorable mention in the Thalheimer Award at the N.A.A.C.P. Annual Conference in Washington, D. C., for outstanding work done in the division of smaller branches in fighting segregation in theatres, housing and employment during the year 1946.

After finishing Prairie View College in 1935, Mr. Cleaver took graduate work at Prairie View in 1938 and has taught seven years prior to coming to California.—The Pittsburgh Courier.

## Directory

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urer; Miss Mable Kilpatrick, pianist; Mr. D. W. Martin, Sergeant-at-Arms; Mr. Wm Batts, chaplain; Mr. A. W. McDonald, parliamentarian; Mr. O. J. Thomas, chairman, membership committee; Mr. F. R. Pierson, assistant treasurer.

## Sgt. Gardner Decorated

During what appeared to be one of the most unique ceremonies of the year, Sgt. E. Gardner was awarded a Bronze Star Medal last Thursday by Col. West A. Hamilton, P. M. S. & T. at Prairie View A. & M. College.

The award was made during regular Retreat ceremonies on Blackshear Field where a large number of the student body was in attendance. Information from the War Department revealed that Sergeant Gardner was awarded the medal for "exemplary conduct in ground combat against the armed enemy on or about 6 of March 1945, in the Mediterranean Theater of Operation."—The Bugler.

## Prairie View Alumni Entertain Visitors

(From The Los Angeles Sentinel)

In the spacious home of Attorney Curtis C. Taylor more than 100 members of the Prairie View Alumni Association gathered Saturday evening for the purpose of greeting two outstanding former Prairie View students, Dr. Paul Mathis and Jessie Mitchell.

A special meeting of the club was held on Wednesday evening, Aug. 16, at the 28th Street YMCA to complete plans for the Annual Beach party to be given Aug. 23 at Cabrillo Beach. All members and their guest are urged to meet at Carver Junior High School, Vernon and McKinley Avenue, at 7:30 P.M. to join the caravan to the beach.

Mr. R. W. Hilliard, personnel director at Prairie View and president of the National P. V. Alumni Association, and his charming wife, the former Mattie B. Whiting of Houston, were present at the club's special meeting. Some of the plans of the National Alumni group were discussed and Mr. Hilliard, urged all Prairie View-ites to affiliate with the organization.

All persons formerly associated with Prairie View in any capacity are requested to contact the Secretary of the local group, Mrs. Madey S. Haws at 199½ West 41st Place so that their names may be placed on the club's mailing list and such persons may be notified of all activities sponsored by the club.