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NEWS LETTER

FEBRUARY - 1944

PRAIRIE-VIEW STATE COLLEGE
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

BUY WAR BONDS FOR VICTORY !

A CALENDAR -

1- February-1944

- a. Second Semester Begins..... February 1
- b. Interscholastic League Basket Ball Tournament
February 18-19
- c. N F A Annual Convention & Judging Contest...February 23-26
- d. N H M Annual Convention & Judging Contest...February 23-26

2- March-1944

- a. Post Graduate Medical Clinic March 6-9
- b. Fifteenth Education Conference..... March 10
- c. Houston Symphony Orchestra..... March 13

B VICTORY GARDENS -

Last year the campus families had some splendid Victory Gardens from which they ate and canned quantities of vegetables. We want to encourage the wide participation again in such a worthy practice. There is a plenty of good land here and you are free to use it.

C DOMESTIC ANIMALS -

If we are to encourage the planting of Victory Gardens, then it becomes expedient to point out the fact that those who have cows, hogs, horses and poultry must safely restrict them to their premises to avoid the possibility of destroying or damaging the gardens. This reminder is important and let us plan immediately to keep all animals under control.

D BOND DRIVE -

The Fourth War Bond Drive was launched January 18, 1944. Waller County has been allocated \$229,000 as its quota. Prairie View State College is, of course, requested to do its share. Mr J J Abernethy has been appointed again as Chairman of our Bond Drive at the college. Let each one do his or her best in buying Bonds.

E NUMBER PLEASE !

For a number of years it has been almost invariably the practice here to call a place by the name of the person rather than by "NUMBER". This practice increases the responsibility of the operator. Now that we have such an increase in telephones and,

besides, all telegrams must be handled by the operator it becomes necessary to ask that a person, office or building be called by "NUMBER" rather than by "NAME". This regulation goes into operation February 1, 1944. Every Telephone Subscriber will be furnished a Telephone Directory with all names alphabetically arranged for convenience.

F LAWNS -

In a few days we shall be enjoying the zestful breezes of early spring. We want to urge all owners of lawns to begin now clearing the surroundings, trimming hedges and planting flowers. Let us keep our immediate premises free of paper and rubbish.

G INTERNAL REVENUE -

Most of the people at Prairie View must by law fill out Income Tax blanks on or before March 15. It has been declared that the blanks for this year are more complicated than last year. Therefore, we are asking the Internal Revenue Office to send a man here for a day to work with those who need assistance in properly filling out their blanks. Announcement will be made of the date of his coming and the place where he can be found.

H POST GRADUATE MEDICAL CLINIC -

Plans are complete for the Seventh Post Graduate Medical Clinic to be held at Prairie View March 6-9. Some of the strongest and most outstanding specialists and authorities in their fields have been engaged as lecturers. There is every indication of a large attendance of physicians from practically every section of Texas. The Post Graduate Medical Clinic is sponsored by the following agencies:

1. Texas State Board of Health
2. Texas Tuberculosis Association
3. Texas State Medical Association
4. The Lone Star Medical Association
5. National Tuberculosis Association
6. Prairie View State College

I EDUCATION CONFERENCE -

On Friday, March 10, will be held the Fifteenth Education Conference at Prairie View. Through the splendid co-operation of school authorities, both State and local, principals and teachers, colleges and citizens, these conferences have become powerful factors and influences in the educational life of Negroes in Texas. The able presentation of the themes by Dr H A Bullock has been the dynamic force that has held these conferences together for fifteen years and also kept the people wholly interested in

them. The Research Staff has gone to great pains in gathering materials for this conference and it is the prediction that this one will be the best in its history.

J THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND !

1. Pay your Poll Tax before January 31, 1944. This is important!
2. Be sure that Community Chest dues are paid! See Mr Buchanan.
3. The Faculty Credit Union has several hundred dollars to lend! See Dr Dooley.
4. Buy War Bonds! See head of your department or Mr J J Abernethy.

K AND FINALLY --

Prairie View State College is the Land Grant College for Negroes in Texas and, in consequence, it is primarily and essentially a Service Institution.

The highest measure and test of any institution of learning is revealed in the quantity and quality of service it renders its people of the Community, State and Nation.

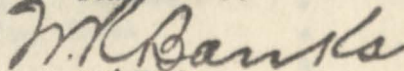
There are 924, 391 Negroes in Texas according to the 1940 Federal census:

- (a) Urban - 45% or 415,965
- (b) Rural - 55% or 508,426.

Of this number 399, 915 are gainfully employed. The problems and welfare of nearly a million colored citizens of our State are the institution's vital concern and object of its curriculum emphasis and planning.

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Yours truly,



W R Banks
Principal

WRB:whc

P S: Meeting the usual time and place. WRB