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## A. CALENDAR --

September 1944

- a. Regional Joint Agricultural-Home Making Institute... September 22-24  
 b. The Reverend Branch - Houston, Texas ..... September 24  
 c. Football - Prairie View vs Samuel Huston - Here ..... September 30

## B. ENROLLMENT --

The enrollment at Prairie View State College reached an all time high before the penalty date, males - 350 and females 850, total 1200. Every available space is now being pressed into service to accommodate the overflow. This puts a great strain on the college dormitories, Dining Hall, class rooms and utilities.

## C. THE LIBRARY--

The Contract for the new Library was let August 18th to a Houston Contractor bidding \$170,242.00. Excavation has already begun and with favorable weather the building will be finished the first of March - 1945. It will carry stacks for 100,000 volumes of books and will accommodate a student enrollment of 2500.

## D. PRIZES -

The Texas Tuberculosis Association, Austin, Texas, offered prizes last year for the best essay on Tuberculosis Control. The prizes to the Colleges amounted to \$50.00: First prize - \$25.00, second - \$15.00, and third - \$10.00. The successful students were as follows:

First - Miss Edna Albertine Gabriel, Prairie View	\$25.00
Second - Miss Ramona E Vaughn, Prairie View	15.00
Third - Miss Wilma Braetcher, Houston College	10.00

Professor E D Sheen was the faculty sponsor for Prairie View.

## E. UNITED CHARITIES --

Again the American citizens are urged to make another contribution to the United Charities Campaign. Waller County has been allocated \$4,500 and of this amount Prairie View is asked to contribute \$450.00. Last year the College raised 100% on all requests for the war efforts such as Red Cross, United Charities and War Bonds. Mr Abernethy has been designated the Director for Prairie View State College. The

time expires in October 1944. It is estimated that 1% of one month's salary, after Income Tax, Group Life Insurance and Retirement are deducted, will net our quota. We are expected to respond 100% to this cause - United Charities.

F. THE HANDBOOK -

For a number of years the College issued a Handbook for the benefit of the staff, carrying pertinent information such as Committee assignments, Calendar of events, essential regulations and a roster of all employees. Last year, due to printing difficulties, the Handbook was not issued and, in consequence, those who had cause to depend upon it were put to a great disadvantage. We are pleased to announce that the Handbook for 1944-1945 will appear in the month of October 1944.

G. AND FINALLY -

" Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul  
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal,  
While he who walks in love may wander far,  
Yet God will bring him where the blessed are."

---- Anon ----

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Yours truly,  
*W.R. Banks*

W R Banks  
Principal

WRB:whc

## ORIENTATION PERIOD -

It is the belief at Prairie View State College that the Orientation Program should be broad enough to circumference the entire institution - Faculty, Freshmen, Registration and finally Student Staff members. The period from September 5 to September 8, used for the purpose afore mentioned, in skeleton form was as follows:

- I. Faculty Orientation and Long Range (25 years) Planning -  
Dr E M Norris and Committee
  - A. Theme: Post War Possibilities and Their Implications - with Special Reference to American Minority Groups
    1. Post War Possibilities on
      - (a) The Political, Socio-Economic, Ethico-Religious, Home and Family, Health and Physical Fitness and Educational Fronts.
    2. Report of Committees on the study of
      - (a) Curricular Provisions
      - (b) Library Service
      - (c) Health and Recreation
      - (d) Extra-Mural Activities
      - (e) Research Areas and Functions
      - (f) Public Relations
      - (g) Student Administration
      - (h) Auxiliary Enterprises and Relationship
      - (i) Instructional Administration
      - (j) Faculty Administration
      - (k) Physical Plant
      - (l) Financial Support
      - (m) General Administration
      - (n) College Objectives
- II. Orientation Program of Students - September 11 - 19
  - A. Freshmen - R W Hilliard and Committee
    - a. Physical Examinations, Tests, Conferences, Rooms, Institutional Regulations, College Offerings and Opportunities, etc.
  - B. Registration, Physical Examinations of all students and room assignments - Dr T R Solomon and Committee
    - a. Freshman Entertainment
  - C. Orientation Sermon - Reverend Lee C Phillip, Chaplain
    - a. Freshman Tea
  - D. Orientation Address - Principal W R Banks

III. Student Adjustment Program - September 18 - 19  
Prof G R Woolfolk and Committee

- A. Physical Adjustment - Personal Hygiene
  - a. Dr H A Bullock, Dr J M Franklin, Dr J G Gathings,  
Mrs D B Bryant and Miss A M Drisdale
- B. Clean Up and prepare living quarters
- C. Social Adjustment
- D. Fundamentals of Good Citizenship
  - a. Personality
  - b. Attitudes
  - c. Personal Appearance
  - d. Public Address
  - e. Good manners
  - f. The Citizen and his environment
  - g. Personal Improvement
  - h. Use of Leisure