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OPEN AIR DEMONSTRATION UNDERWAY

The regular Summer Session Thursday evening Open Air Demonstrations under the supervision of Dr. J. M. Drew were begun June 15 and will continue through July 27.

The first three were supervised respectively by the Hospital, Music Department and Education Department. The themes of the presentations were: "Improvising Equipment for Home Nursing," "Musical Activity Demonstrations in the Primary Grades" and "Methods of Teaching Science in the Elementary Grades."

Considering the topics and methods used to carry out the demonstrations, the program as a whole will be of great value to the many teachers of Texas in their instructional pursuits this fall.

The remainder of the schedule includes:
July 13—Mechanic Arts Division
July 20—Agriculture Division
July 27—Home Economic Division

Tennis Tournament Scheduled

The annual Southwestern Open Tennis Tournament scheduled for July 21-23 will feature outstanding contenders from San Antonio, Houston, Beaumont and Dallas.

The matches will feature men's singles and doubles, women's singles and junior singles and doubles. Trophies will be awarded in both junior and senior events.

Coaching School

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ball," will be presented respectively by Coach C. F. "Zip" Gayles, head man at Langston University; Coach Fred "T" "Big" Long, Texas College head man and Coach Giles Wright, head mentor of basketball and track at Texas College, Tyler.

The following high school coaches will give information on the problems and techniques in developing a state championship team. They were state winners in the various sports this past scholastic year.

Coach Willie Ray Smith, Orange Colored High School, the undisputed champion in football with his wonder team finishing strong to outlast and eliminate all contenders; Coach Obie Williams, track coach, Phyllis Wheatley, Houston; Coach Collins Briggs, basketball coach, Phyllis Wheatley, Houston; and Coach Joe Bradley, baseball coach, Phyllis Wheatley, Houston.

Mr. William Porter, Houston, a veteran in the field of officiating, will handle the basketball problems—rule change and officiating.

On hand again to interest the group with his bits of humor as well as his methods of caring for all types of injuries and taping, etc., will be Coach Eddie Wojceki, Rice Institute.



OUTGOING LEADERS—Miss Bobby Jean Reynolds, President (left); and Mrs. Ruth S. Washington, Sponsor of State President, are outgoing leaders of the Texas Association of New Homemakers or America. Miss Reynolds is a recent graduate of Dunbar High School, Lufkin, where she also won high honors in scholastic achievement and leadership activities. Mrs. Washington is Home-Making teacher in the Lufkin school and mother of two Prairie View College students.

The New Homemakers Organization in Texas with more than 5,000 members is the largest in the nation.



Teachers Added

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bell, Supervisor of Schools, Huntsville, Texas; Mrs. Fannie M. Emerson, Teacher of Art, San Antonio Public School, San Antonio, Texas; Miss Juanita G. Favors, elementary school teacher, Phoenix, Arizona; J. B. Holland, Principal of Monroe Elementary School, Topeka, Kansas; Burt A. Mayberry, Principal Yates School, Kansas City, Mo.; R. B. Jefferson, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Miss Mable Kilpatrick, Principal, Dogan Elementary School, Houston, Texas; Mr. A. W. McDonald, Instructor of Social Science, Central High School, Galveston, Texas; Mrs. Ruth M. Payne, Instructor of Home Economics, Samuel Houston High School, Huntsville, Texas and Miss H. Levi, Instructor of Romance Languages, Talledega College, Talledega, Alabama.

Other new members are Dr. Lucille S. Welch, Professor of Education, Lincoln Univ., Jefferson City, Mo.; Dr. Walter Murray, Principal of Elementary School, Phoenix, Arizona; Dr. John S. Lash, Head of Department of English, Maryland State College, Princess Anne, Md.; Mrs. Lucy P. McDonald, Principal of Ferris High School, Ferris, Texas; Mr. Earl P. Harris, Instructor of Band and Orchestra, Clafin College, Orangeburg, South Carolina; Mr. Ashton J. Murray, New Orleans, La.; Mr. L. M. Moten, Supervisor of Schools, Beaumont, Texas; Mr. John L. Howell, Principal of Booker T. Washington School, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Thelma I. Preston, Instructor, Mary Allen College, Crockett, Texas; Mrs. Willie Mae Smith, Instructor of Home Economics, Madisonville, Texas; Mrs. Edna Davis Kelly, Instructor, Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.; Miss Christine Hall, Lincoln University, Jefferson City,

Mo.; Mrs. Timmie Thomas, Assistant Librarian, Butler College, Tyler, Texas; and Mrs. Eula M. Harris, Librarian, Lincoln High School, Dallas, Texas.



Driver Education Program Featured

Hempstead Motor Company Provides Training Car

Cooperating with the Division of Safety Education, Texas Education Agency, the college is offering a three semester hour course for teachers of Driver Training in Public Schools of Texas. The course is a feature of the health education curriculum.

The Hempstead Motor Company is assisting in this safe driving movement by providing a new 1950 four-door Ford sedan for training purposes. The vehicle, which was delivered Friday, will be used by the college for the balance of the summer session. A new Ford with dual control mechanism will be provided in September for the regular session program of teaching beginners.

Sargeants W. M. Miller and P. A. Zeissel (see below) of the Safety Section, Texas Highway Patrol, Austin were present Monday and Tuesday for lectures and demonstrations. Tuesday at eleven a public demonstration showing the time required to stop a vehicle (with the use of a detonator) was presented before a large segment of the student body.

THE PRAIRIE VIEW STANDARD

SUMMER SESSION ENROLLMENT REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH

2048 Registered in Campus And Extension Program

The 1950 Summer Session enrollment climbed beyond the two thousand mark in late tabulations to record the largest summer term in the institution's history. The total of 2048 included 857 graduate students, 829 undergraduate and special, and 362 in extension courses.

In comparison with the present figure, the 1949 enrollment was 1770, in 1948 a total of 1603, and 1947 showed an amazing increase at that time of 1410 students in the summer program.

The increase in the enrollment of graduate students presents a striking trend which is indicated in the following registration data:

Summer Session	Grad. Students
1946	173
1947	298
1948	528
1949	782
1950	857

The undergraduate enrollment remained fairly steady in the past few summers while there has been some increase in the number of persons enrolling for extension and correspondence courses. Increase in graduate enrollment will probably continue as new requirements are continually being made for in-service teachers in the specialized fields.

Speech Arts Class Presents Plays

The Speech Arts Class, graduate division of the English Department, presented two one-act plays, the first in a series, Thursday evening, June 29, in the Auditorium-Gymnasium.

The first, "The Advantage of Being Shy" was staged and produced by Mrs. Luenna Sims and the other, "The Boor," by Mrs. Ordain Broughton.

The plays are being directed by Mr. C. Spalding of the English Department.

Rural Community Program Described

Pictorial slides and lecture will depict the results obtained through community effort in Tip Top, Texas a rural community in Parker County. Mrs. Grace W. Cartwright has been instrumental in developing the project and will illustrate her work before the health workshop group on July 6.

She will be presented at 10:00 A.M. in the Administration Auditorium and interested class groups in rural education are invited to attend.



Edgar Speaks to Summer Students

Speaking before the entire student body and summer session faculty, Dr. J. W. Edgar, State Commissioner of Education, related the objectives of the Minimum Foundation Program to in-service teacher training as provided by the colleges of Texas.

Citing as incentives for the reorganization of Public Education in Texas, Dr. Edgar gave credit to the school people and a "friendly legislature." He stated that the colleges are doing a fine job in meeting the new challenge — in preparing for not only the legal or technical requirements but the spirit of the law as well.

The commissioner listed two particular functions of the state law in the terms of trends toward unification of accrediting high schools and the financing of the program based on attendance.

Dr. Edgar was the guest of the coordinated workshops. President E. B. Evans presented the state educational leader in his first visit to the college.

Faculty Increases By 24 Members

The office of the Dean of Instruction listed twenty-four additional persons added to the summer school faculty.

Dean J. M. Drew stated that several teachers were secured to provide for the increased enrollment, particularly in the graduate division. Elementary Education classes were running extremely heavy in early registration, he explained, and this has been caused by the "12-hour requirement" placed on elementary teachers for September of this year.

Ten persons listed have served in previous summer sessions. They include Mrs. Pauline Watkins Camp. (See TEACHERS ADDED Page 4)

Short Course for Extension Workers Planned

The college will be host for the first Regional Training Program for Negro Extension workers when it entertains several hundred representatives from Southern states here August 7-25.

Six training courses will be offered by outstanding instructors including H. H. Williamson, K. F. Warner, C. C. Hearne, all of the Federal Extension Service, and Sherman Briscoe, U. S. Department of Agriculture; C. H. Cross, University of Arkansas; and J. L. Matthews, Texas Extension Service.

The three-weeks training course will be a part of the regular summer session and will be offered in cooperation with Extension Service and the A. & M. College, Dr. J. M. Drew, Director of the Summer Session, announced.

Coaching School Set For July 20-22

President E. B. Evans will welcome many prominent interscholastic coaches to the annual Coaching School to be held on the college campus, July 20-22, 1950.

This yearly attraction, which is sponsored by the Athletic Department, will feature several outstanding coaches in the sporting world who plan to disclose technical knowledge in their respective fields.

Dr. John Codwell, Principal of Phyllis Wheatley High School, Houston, will discuss "Athletics as a Motivating Factor" with Mr. John Lowery, San Antonio, Texas, presenting "Football Rules and Techniques of Officiating."

The topic "T Formation in Football and the Fast Break in Basketball," "The Single Wing and Short Punt Variations" and "Slow Break and Double Pivot in Basketball." (See COACHING SCHOOL Page 4)

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE DISCUSSED IN INSTITUTE

Miss Grace Hale, Consultant with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, was an outstanding contributor to the first annual Institute on Education for Marriage and Family Life which convened here June 22-23.

Reverend H. Grady Hardin, minister of Chapelwood Methodist Church, Houston, discussed the Minister's Role in Marital Adjustment. A student-faculty panel interpreted the role of the college in Preparation for Marriage.

Other topics on sex-education and family health and welfare problems were led by visiting consultants, local staff members, and students. Drs. C. R. Yerwood and D. B. Taylor represented the State

Contracts Awarded on 3 Construction Jobs

The Board of Directors in special session at College Station Friday awarded contracts for (1) Animal Industry Building at a cost of \$425,000.00, including equipment, (2) a million dollar sewage disposal unit, and (3) the \$60,000.00 renovating job on Luckie and Crawford Halls. Construction on these projects will begin in the near future.

President E. B. Evans stated that plans and blueprints for the new training school will begin immediately.

President Evans is Convocation Speaker

The summer session student body and staff heard Dr. E. B. Evans in an opening convocation address given in the auditorium-gymnasium Thursday, June 8.

Extending greetings to the two thousand or more present, the President congratulated the students for their effort to improve their techniques of instruction and leadership. He advised a wise use of valuable time and seriousness of purpose in pursuit of their respective objectives.

Dr. Evans centered his address around the scope and services of the college. He cited figures showing the tremendous increase in enrollment, the growth in personnel and in services to students.

British Agricultural Specialist will Visit

Thomas Mead from the British Gold Coast will visit the college July 13 by arrangements with the British Counsel General in Houston.

Mr. Mead has done extensive work in Soil Conservation in the colonial development of the British Empire.

Department of Health, Mrs. Belle Blackwell, nursing education and Grace D. Buzzell, State Director of the Planned Parenthood group. Local persons on the program included Dean S. Yarborough, H. T. Jones, R. B. Jefferson, J. L. Brown, Julia K. Hall, E. M. Galloway, L. C. Phillips, J. M. Drew, C. A. Wood, Ruth M. Payne, Christine Hall, Thelma Preston, P. V. Knight and J. A. Randall, Theresa Waiters, Juntine Marshall, Mary Lou Freeman, Marie Pruitt, Gloria Jean Banks and Lillian Wilson.

The Institute was sponsored jointly by the Departments of Sociology, Economics, Science and Health Education. Dr. Yarborough was chairman.

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Prairie View Alumni News

By W. MARION DAVIS

The Executive Officers of the Prairie View Alumni and Ex-students Association extend greetings to the many alumni now attending summer school on the campus, and extend their best wishes to those elsewhere for a very pleasant summer.

The Alumni Office on second floor of the Administration Building is open each afternoon and evening for friends and members of the Association.

The annual membership dues of \$2.00 may be paid at the alumni office where official receipt and membership credentials will be given.

We are pleased to report that Mr. L. C. Mosley, executive secretary of the P. V. A. A., is convalescing very satisfactorily after having undergone surgery on June 12 in Palestine. Mr. Mosley is a staunch and faithful worker and has made substantial contributions to the association through the office he occupies.

The general association officers are interested in making more contacts with key people in communities where more interest in P. V. Clubs can be built. The potential strength of the association is great, and possibilities and opportunities for rendering greater service to our Alma Mater and to the many graduates and ex-students are rapidly increasing.

During the past year a very dynamic program was executed, and excellent plans for the continued growth of the organization were made. It is incumbent upon every interested, progressive, and wide awake graduate of this institution to become affiliated with the parent organization. Many progressive movements and plans are being executed by our Alma Mater, and certainly the sons and daughters of Prairie View should share in the growth, glory, service, and labor in making Prairie View and its associate institutions worthy of their names.

We wish to advise that any person now enrolled in, or having done at least one semester's work in the Graduate Division is eligible for membership in the Prairie View Alumni and Ex-Students Association.

THE HISTORY OF PRAIRIE VIEW

By GEORGE RUBLE WOOLFOLK

The writing of the history of a college perhaps more than any other institution in the culture of a people is not an easy task. Yet it is one that should be attempted at appropriate intervals in order that those in whose keeping it has been entrusted might gain perspective and rededicate themselves to the basic drives that gave it being. Such an examination also can be used as an opportunity for re-evaluating the role of the institution in the social order and avoid the slow death that comes from lack of critical and periodic introspection.

All institutions of learning have been challenged in our age in a way that should give pause to even the casual student of the dynamics of intellectual life in a democracy. The serious soul-searching that has been going on in the field of higher education since the beginning of our century was spared the Negro college because of its limited role in a segregated order and the length of time it has consumed in reaching academic responsibility in bridging the cultural gap that had created a frontier for the Negro people. Our "Ivory tower," dilapidated as it might be, has come crashing down around our ears at this point in the mid-century because the great issues of our time have demanded that all men stand up and be counted. The cause of ideological orthodoxy in this clash of the omnipotent state cannot tolerate an uncritical allegiance in the minds and hearts of men, regardless as to how limited the participation of any group of them may have been in its rewards and affairs.

Prairie View, like all Negro colleges, faces the greatest crisis and challenge in its entire history. It has had, like all Negro colleges, a glorious past, filled with the light and shade of triumph and defeat. The seven men who stood at the helm have, with a few exceptions, been men of heroic stature. They had to be—for the great state in which they worked had a breadth

The Cancer Education and Fund Program

By J. I. THOMAS

Members of the Prairie View Women's Welfare Club and the Statewide Committee of the Convalescent Home For Negro Cancer Patients Fund wish to express their sincere appreciation to the students, faculty, and citizens for the interest and support that was given the fund drive on the campus.

In reporting the results of the campaign, the inspiring work done by a number of leaders here on the campus must not go untold. Mrs. M. E. von Charlton, C. H. Johnson, W. A. Samuels, O. J. Thomas, J. M. Wilson, J. A. Randall, and other representatives of the Welfare Club, under the capable leadership of Mrs. A. E. Charleston, manned ticket booths over the campus. Mrs. von Charlton and Mrs. E. G. High sold tickets in the lobby of the Recreation Center. Mrs. W. J. Bell sold tickets in the

of ideas and a great spirit which backed them, if not always with critical or creative vision, at least always with a right heart. Democracy, in its fight to death with the most implacable foe it has ever confronted, is demanding all around the board new affirmations which have placed fear in the hearts of the timid and the cynical.

It is now the better part of wisdom that we know the main springs of our spiritual strength, that we search our heritage for its lessons. Pulled, at long last, into the main stream of our culture, we have the moral obligation of making the positive traditions "serve the people of the state of Texas at the point of their greatest need." The college and the state have stood together through crisis and calm. No one can know the past and not understand the sincerity of the one and the basic integrity of the other. No one can read that record and not understand the backlog of wisdom that seventy-five years of existence can produce. Prairie View has the distinction of being the second oldest tax supported college in the state. Its very rocks and trees are hallowed in the hearts of many thousands of men and women. Across its moon-lit campus at night floats not only the silent songs and sorrows of Kirby's slaves, but also the muffled voices, some strident, some eloquent, some halting, of the hundreds of men and women who came from every nook and cranny in the land to lay their hands upon the souls of men.

Can one capture all of that in a record? The student of history, feeling strongly the necessity to come as close to totality as possible, can try. If Prairie View is to face the challenge of our mid-century world with courage and confidence we must try—all of us together—all of us ever connected with Prairie View in any way—lest in this pragmatic age we stagger rudderless from one expedient to another, knowing not from whence we came—caring less wither we goest.

Education Building, and Mrs. A. E. Charleston and Martha Ann Henry manned the Administration Building. Meanwhile, such staunch Club members as Mrs. C. B. Knighton, L. N. Brown, E. M. Galloway, George Smith, C. A. Carpenter, F. G. Fry, J. M. Coruthers, L. W. Ingram, A. A. Lee, N. C. Hardin, and C. O. Taylor went about the task of enthusiastically soliciting from person to person.

College officials, leaders and classroom teachers gave assistance to the project through announcements, brief talks, posters, and other means of interpreting the need evidenced in the Drive. The results was 522 (\$522.00) tickets sold on the campus. The statewide sale netted more than \$5,000.00. Added to \$2,000.00 previously reported, this brings the Fund for the Convalescent Home up to a total of \$7,000.00.

Matron Dies



Miss M. E. Suarez, former Dean of Women at Prairie View A. & M. College in Texas, passed at 4:30 A.M., May 30 in Houston, Texas. At the time of her death, she was serving as Dean of Women for Prairie View nurses on affiliation at Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston, Texas, a position she accepted after retirement from Prairie View where she served as Dean of Women from 1929 to 1948.

Her career of service began at Tuskegee Institute where she worked under the Administration of Dr. Booker T. Washington.

When World War I came Dean Suarez saw service in Europe with the American Red Cross. She returned to Tuskegee and worked until 1927 at which time she accepted work at Southern University, Scotlandville, La. In 1929 she came to Prairie View where she remained until 1948. During these years the beloved character influenced thousands of young women. Her passing, saddened all who knew "Dean Suarez."

She was an Episcopalian of long standing. She was funeralized at Houston, Texas and laid to rest in Los Angeles, California.

Miss Suarez is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. G. Wright of Los Angeles and several nieces and nephews.

Get Acquainted Dance Given for Employees

All employees of the college and their wives (or husbands) were invited to attend a Get-Acquainted Dance in the Recreation Center, June 22, 1950 at 9.00 P.M.

The dance served the dual purpose of introducing the many new teachers on the campus.

A well-represented number attended the dance and enjoyed immensely the games, refreshments and the temperamental music of the Collegians.

Much credit is due the committee appointed to take care of arrangements headed by Mr. George W. Brooks. Other members were: Miss Ella W. Cullins, Miss Doris Webb, Miss Helen Pierson, Mr. H. T. Jones, Mr. L. E. Perkins and Mrs. Mable F. Bradley.

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

School Health

Dr. C. F. Calloway, Medical Director, addressed the School Health Workshop on Thursday June 8. He spoke on the topic, "The Defeats and Attributes of School Children," discussing (1) growth and development, (2) value of family history, (3) observation of child by parent, teacher, and nurse, (4) immunization, (5) corrective measurements, and (6) epilepsy.

School Nurses presented the various aspects of the problems and activities of the school nursing program in a panel discussion before the Principals' Workshop on June 9.

Mrs. Berniece Marks was elected President of the health workshop and Mrs. Sedalia Wilson president of the nurses group.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuire, representative of the State Department of Public Welfare, was consultant visitor on June 13. She discussed Community Planning and the use of Community Agencies.

Mr. D. B. Knudson, Senior Engineer, Division of School Health Services, State Department of Health, spoke on Sanitation and environmental control on Friday, June 16.

Mr. D. B. Taylor, Acting Director, Division of School Health Services, State Department of Health, developed the three areas of health on June 15 and pointed out the relationship of each to the other.

SCHOOL NURSES COMPLETE WORKSHOP TRAINING

Mrs. Ada Yerwood was guest of the School Health Workshop on June 20. She discussed the topic "Working with the Community in Developing a Health Program." Mrs. Yerwood is Consultant with the Tuberculosis Association.

Mr. Lewis Spears, Consultant in Health Education, Texas Education Agency, consulted with nurses and teachers in planning health instructional programs. He addressed a General Session group on the subject: "Concepts of Health Education."

Dr. C. R. Yerwood led a discussion on community problems in the workshop before addressing the general session of the Institute on Family Life. The latter talk was on Sex Education. Dr. Yerwood is consultant with the Division of Maternal and Child Welfare, State Department of Austin.

Library Workshop

Thursday, June 22 at 10:00 A.M., Mr. Bert C. Mayberry was consultant to the library workshop. The topic for discussion was "Relationship between Principal and Librarian."

Mr. Mayberry gave a beautiful example of how a librarian should

be introduced to the school staff. He emphasized the fact that principals should give librarians full status on the staff. Librarians owe:

1. Loyalty to the program
2. Technical adviser in promotion of the library
3. Leadership in what goes into the service program of the library
4. Promotion of a reading program

The luncheon of the overall workshop last Wednesday, June 21, in the College Dining Hall was well attended by members of the Library Workshop.

The class period of the Library Workshop took on a new spirit with the beginning of demonstrations of problems selected by groups.

Thursday at 2:00 P.M. the problem presented was to determine how to secure pupil participation in promoting library services. The group presented a "Book Circus." Group members were Mrs. E. C. LeQuey, Mrs. Osia Cartwright and Mrs. Nadine Hammons.

The background of the circus was laid on tables with three circus tents and a parade of animals. The scene was colorful and timely. The books were grouped for their tents and each group leader "barked" his annotations.

Acrobats and aerial artists, rodeo, and thrills and adventure books were presented by Mrs. Hammons. The *Giants* (reference books), *Freaks and Midgets*, *Tiny The Fat Lady*, (the dictionary), were presented by Mrs. LeQuey.

Community Agencies Discussed by Welfare Representative

Community planning and the effective use of official and voluntary agencies in developmental programs was discussed by Miss Elizabeth McGuire, Health Education Consultant, during her visit to the School Health Workshop on June 13. Miss McGuire is a representative of the State Department of Public Welfare, Austin, Texas.

In presentation of her topic, Miss McGuire developed seven principles involving community activity and leadership and emphasized the basic economic, physical, social and cultural areas of planning.

A prominent figure in health and welfare work in Texas over a num-

The Clowns, Funny Folk, Animals and Patriotic Figures were presented by Mrs. Cartwright.

Monday, June 26, Miss Georgia M. Collier and Mrs. Gazella Booth presented a demonstration on the problem, "How to Secure Faculty Participation in Promoting Library Services." The demonstration included singing, games and library tea.

A series of similar problems will be worked out each day through demonstration and discussions.

Principals

There are fourteen men and two women from sixteen different counties enrolled in the Principal's Workshop.

Among the consultants who have appeared are: Dr. Howard Lane, Texas University, Austin; Dr. Wm. G. Wolfe, Texas University, Austin; and Mr. Louis Perkins, Assistant Reference Librarian, Prairie View; Dr. John W. Wagner, Director Public Relations, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association of Texas; Mr. James Pitts, Jr., Science Teacher, Jefferson, Texas; Mr. Robert Rhodes, Forrestry Division, Texas A. & M. College; Mr. J. D. McLeod, Professor of Sociology, Sam Houston College, Huntsville; Mr. J. B. Rutland, Consultant, Negro Education, Texas Education Agency and Mr. Gordon Worley, Coordinator, Supervision, Texas Education Agency.

Twelve school nurses completed the special work and will continue training in public health courses for the remainder of the term.

Mrs. Blackwell is chairman of a joint committee on School Nursing of the State League of Nursing Education and the State Organization of Public Health Nurses, which cooperated in sponsoring this in-service training program.

Supervisors to Meet Here July 17-August 4

The workshop for Supervisors in Texas school systems will be held July 17 through August 4 according to Dr. J. L. Brown, Coordinator.

Prairie View ROTC Gets Boost

According to Lt. Col. H. B. Reubel, 50 cadets from Prairie View Senior ROTC began camp training at Camp Hood, Texas, June 18, 1950. This is a requirement for all senior ROTC students in order to get the commission of Second Lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps at graduation. Most of the men are Seniors for the 1950-51 school term at Prairie View.

Thirty-three have received appointments in the Officers Reserve Corps this fiscal year.

The recent inspection of the Prairie View ROTC caused the unit to get the highest over-all rating in the history of the 27 year old unit. More than 500 men participated in the two day special inspection. The Houston Chamber of Commerce complimented the institution for its magnificent showing. Col. S. W. Becker of the Houston Chamber of Commerce was present for one inspection. Col. Becker gives an annual award to the outstanding cadet.

All able bodied male students are eligible for the ROTC. The Senior division is made up of Junior and Senior men recommended by the P.M.S.&T. for further ROTC training. They are furnished uniform and subsistence pay.

The Prairie View unit is one of seven senior units in Negro Colleges.

Dormitory will Open In September

The new 84 room ultra-modern girls dormitory will house 240 women students. A typical room, according to Miss R. L. Bland, Dean of Women, will consist of a brown and beige double decker bed, a single bed, a double study desk, a single study desk, a four division chest of drawers, a three division closet with a long panel mirror on the center door, slated upholstered chairs of brown and beige simulated leather and hot and cold water.

The matron will have a well furnished room with private bath. The parlor will have a number of easy chairs (curves), tables, and lamps. In addition it will be equipped with a Baby Grand Piano and a radio-television combination. Rugs, pictures, mirrors and a fireplace will make the parlor a rather complete, comfortable part of the building—one which will certainly be a favorite with the 240 honor occupants. ("Honor" refers to house keeping record of previous years, scholastic record and conduct record.)

Other features of the building include a sun deck, wash rooms on two floors, hair dressing rooms and a large trunk room.

According to Dr. Evans a similar building for men will be next in line for dormitories.