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### A - CALENDAR

#### 1. Orientation Period

- (a) Faculty - September 5-8
- (b) Student - Including Registration - September 10-17

### B - NEWS LETTER

Due to the urgent need of some device for pointing up the current operations and the expanding program of Prairie View University, it was decided fifteen years ago that a monthly News Letter would be the proper instrument. Consequently, the News Letter has appeared regularly - 180 times - for 15 years. The Library has a copy of each issue of these News Letters bound in three volumes of five years each. There are several features that make rather interesting reading, such as:

- 1. The Calendar
- 2. Occasional Statements on August 8
- 3. Occasional Statements on January 1
- 4. Remarks at funerals of employees
- 5. "And Finally"

### C - DEANS OF SOUTHERN GRADUATE SCHOOLS

On August 24 and 25, 1945, the Deans of Southern Graduate Schools sponsored a Conference at Prairie View University on Graduate Education for Negroes in Oklahoma and Texas. Similar Conferences were held at Durham, North Carolina, Atlanta, Georgia, Nashville, Tennessee, and Jackson, Mississippi. The purpose of these Regional Conferences was to study the extent of the disparity of the State support of education for Negroes in the light of the provisions made for whites in the same areas. It is needless to say that the differential was a most amazing and illuminating revelation. This occasion brought to the Campus some of the outstanding leaders of Educational thought in the South. The sessions were held in the W R Banks Library - the first use made of this building.

### D - THE FACULTY

Again we have faced the difficulty of staffing the Faculty this year with the Man Power shortage still acute. Excellent selections have been made, but there are several vacancies still open because, at the time for consideration, there was no one available. Now that other states are making great strides in the improvement of the educational opportunities for Negroes, this puts a great strain on the availability of capable and worthy people in both quantity and quality.

## E - THE COACH

Professor W J Nix will take over the responsibilities as Head Coach and Director of Physical Education at Prairie View, September 1, 1945. "Billy" Nix comes to this institution with a splendid record for developing championship teams and "All American" stars at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia. He has received his training in Physical Education at Morris Brown College and Ohio University. He has completed one year on his Ph D at the latter institution. Coach Nix and his family will arrive around August 31 or September 1.

## F - THE GO-EDS

The All-Girl Orchestra has made an extensive tour of the North, East, and South this summer, filling many engagements. Judging from the many fine newspaper comments and splendid letters from people who heard them their performances were entirely satisfactory. Congratulations to Professor W H Bennett and the girls for this excellent showing!!

## G - THE BUDGET

The average person could never imagine the extensiveness of the operation of Prairie View for a fiscal year in providing personnel, equipment, supplies, and other items. For this year, 235 persons are employed for full time services. The Board of Directors has approved a budget for this fiscal year, 1945 - 1946, of \$979,171.00.

## H - PRECINCT 18

Judge A B Anderson, County Judge of Waller County, Texas, and the County Commissioners, have created Precinct 18 and located it at Prairie View University for the convenience of the citizens of the University community at times of election. There are upward of 150 potential voters in this precinct and the location of the ballot box here makes voting convenient. Mr G W Buchanan is the Election Judge of the Precinct, assisted by Mr R W Hilliard and Mr H E Fuller.

## I - NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPION!!

Corporal Lloyd E Scott, graduate of Prairie View, Class of 1936, and Prairie View Tennis Coach, on leave with the United States Armed Forces, won the 1945 National tennis championship in New York, New York, August 25, 1945. Corporal Scott, who also won the National Championship in 1936 and 1944, and teamed with Private Louis Graves, won the 1945 doubles championship. Corporal Scott had won the Nebraska State singles tournament and, with his team mate, Sergeant Otto (white), had won the doubles championship the week previous to his entrance in the National tournament.

Through the kindness of Professor C L Wilson, I am quoting the last paragraph from a letter written him recently by his Major Professor at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

"For all ranks, it is important that teachers be highly intelligent, have unimpeachable character, be interested in and sympathetic with the problems and ambitions of young people, with a desire to help them to solve their problems and to realize their ambitions. There is no proper place in Engineering education or in any other field of higher education for persons without the qualities of mind and heart which will serve to stimulate in their students an intense desire to develop their greatest possibilities of service to their fellow man".

Dean Seaton  
Kansas State College  
Manhattan, Kansas

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Yours truly,

*W.R. Banks*  
W Rutherford Banks, Principal

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## GLOSSARY

### SHALL CHRIST BE AT THE PEACE TABLE?

"When the shooting stops and the carnage of war has reached its tragic end, the Victory of Peace still remains to be won.

Men of high rank from all corners of the earth will sit in judgment at the peace table. The peoples of vanquished countries will be pawns in their hands. The fate of nations and unborn generations will be at stake. Retribution will be visited upon the innocent as well as the guilty. Men whose hearts and souls are filled with bitter hate and unsatisfied revenge will pit their strength of will and purpose against other men whose solemn trust it is to administer justice, regardless of race or creed or nationalistic allegiance.

But men are only men. This task is too great for man alone. The basic principles of true Christianity and the Brotherhood of Man are all too easily forgotten and overwhelmed in a grim contest for national dominance, war indemnities, territorial control, preferential consideration . . . and in administering justice to the Guilty.

Let there be Peace, above all else. But let this Peace be dictated by the Spirit of the Prince of Peace - with true Justice for all. Only then can the Victory of Peace be safely won. Only then can the peoples of the earth look forward to a Better World".

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