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PANTHER CAGERS DROP DOUBLE BILL TO TSU AND TEXAS COLLEGE

The Prairie View Panthers have been unsuccessful in four straight attempts with Texas College and Texas State University — losing three at home and one in Houston in their initial regular season play.

A heart breaking 71-70 loss to Texas College was recorded on Friday, January 19 and the Steers came back to win another thriller 67-58 Saturday afternoon.

Hughes was the outstanding player for Texas while the Pan-

ther's Terry Carter, Jackie Carr, George Durden and Jones performed well for the locals.

Bishop College Wins

The Panthers will take on the strong Bishop College Tigers here January 26-27. Bishop emerged winners in the annual Prairie View Invitational Basketball Tournament held at the college on January 5 and 6th.



James A. Stevens congratulates Coach Shannon Little and his Bishop Tigers after presentation of the championship trophy in Prairie View Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Football Team Honored at Banquet

The Annual Football Banquet and Dance was held at the college on January 9, with Panther squad members and their company in attendance.

Dr. Dean S. Yarbrough, Professor of Sociology was the guest speaker for the occasion. President Evans and Director of Athletics James A. Stevens made remarks. J. E. Ellison was toastmaster.

Prairie View Farm Families Honored

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development of the farmers home loan program in Waller County and described the work of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937 which was designed to help tenants, sharecroppers, and farm laborers to climb the Agricultural ladder to farm ownership. "This" program of the United Department of Agriculture," Mr. Robinson stated, has brought about a change in average gross income for these families from \$1,992.00 in 1944 to \$4,239.00 at the present time.

"The sixteen families own a total of 2,183 areas of land which was purchased on an average size FHA loan of \$6,159, consisting of dwellings, barns, outhouses, water supply and fences," Robinson continued. The average size of the farm unit is 1442 areas and the average value of productive livestock per farm is \$4,018.00.

Raising standards of living of all farmers was advocated by State Director of FHA, L. J. Capleman, who made closing remarks on the program. He proposed that

every farm ownership family should have a tractor, motor vehicle, rural electricity, radio, refrigerator, washing machine, and every child in school. He warned however, "that along with these material improvements must go a sound farming program, supplying adequate income to back up this standard.

Families receiving the certificates of progress included Lula Anderson, Leonard Andrews, Jefferson Braxton, Alonzo Bragg, Osborne Clark, Manley Knowles, Hilliard Muse, James Muse, Carvy Robinson, Ben Randle, Ernest Santee, Edward Scott, Frank Scott, Eckie Stewart, Dave Walker, and Robert Williams.

Prairie View A. & M. College has continually given inspiration and assistance to these families who comprise the Prairie View Community. The Department of Agriculture at the college, the rapidly developing Agricultural Experiment Sub-station No. 18, and the current construction of a first class animal industries building will serve to render even greater service to these farm families and to others throughout Texas.

PRAIRIE VIEW BUSINESS SURVEY PERSONNEL ADVISED OF PROCEDURES

George R. Woolfolk, Chairman of the Committee for the 22nd Annual Educational Conference reported today the enthusiasm with which the many voluntary workers associated with the gathering of the data for the conference which will be held the first Friday in March, 1951, have gone about the work. The college deems this to be proof of the interest of the Negroes in this state in the efforts of Prairie View to pioneer in the various fields for the improvement of the life of Negroes.

The Conference office has issued the following instructions to the many individuals throughout the State who are cooperating with the study.

1. The enclosed postal cards are designed to get your request for more materials. Our first release to those other than Cooperative Extension Personnel and the Chambers of Commerce was simply sample materials for your guidance and study. When in doubt, please contact either your Exten-

sion Agent, your Home Demonstration agents, or your nearest Negro Chamber of Commerce.

2. There must be made out for each Negro Business establishment in your community an Individual Business Check blank and a Field Workers' Individual Check. If you do not have enough forms for this please let Prairie View know at once.

3. Please try to return all information to the Prairie View Office by the end of January at the latest.

4. Please make out a Community Check form for every separate Negro community in your town.

5. Please remember that the "Business" forms are not only for people in the towns and settlements; but for Negroes engaged in "business" pursuits in the rural areas as well.

6. Please put the red marks around the numbers before the categories. The questionnaires are set up to be executed on punch cards and the number ring will help this process.

7. Please find the number on page "4" of the Individual Business Check form which applies to the individual establishment under survey and mark it in red beside "C" on page one "kind of business."

8. Please keep all individual business questionnaires with the community questionnaire in which the individual businesses are located.

ROTC Army Officer Promoted to Major

Promotion of Captain Reuben L. Horner, Assistant Commandant, Executive Officer, and Assistant PMS&T, at Prairie View A. & M. College from Captain Infantry to grade of Major Inf. was announced by the Department of Army, effective December 27, 1950.

INTEREST HIGH IN EXTENSION CLASSES HELD AT PRAIRIE VIEW ON SATURDAYS



Graduate Group in Supervision of the Elementary School Subjects

Prairie View's Saturday Classes for in-service teachers are creating a great deal of interest in the surrounding area.

Courses in Elementary Education and in Supervision were offered during the semester which closed this month and according to Dr. J. L. Brown, Director of Extension classes, similar courses will be open during the Spring Semester scheduled to begin February 3rd. It is like Homecoming at the college every Saturday when scores of former students come back for a refresher. The group pictured above is an example of the many Communities represented. It is a class in "Supervision of the Elementary School Subjects" taught by Professor S. W. Davis of the Education Department. Mr. Davis

is seen at the rear of the room.

Persons pictured are: Front row — Mrs. Gertrude Tapscott, teacher Brookshire Elementary School; and Walter Fontenot, Principal, Hull-Daisetta I. S. D. School; Second row — Mrs. Dollie Williams, teacher, Calvert High School; Mrs. Mattie L. Muckelroy, Homemaking Teacher, Hempstead High School; Mr. Alexander B. Riggsby, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Hempstead High School; Third row — Elbert R. Curvey, Junior High Teacher, Harris Junior High School; Arthur R. Alexander, Adult Teacher, West Columbia School; Fourth row — Samuel W. Davis, Education Teacher, Prairie View A. & M. College; and L. V. Lyons, Veteran Instructor, Madison Vocational School.

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Mammoth Occasion Proposed for 75th Anniversary Year

A mammoth celebration to commemorate our 75th anniversary year, was proposed by President E. B. Evans, before a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Council of Prairie View Alumni and Ex-students Association in session at the college Saturday, January 20.

The President's proposal embodied a call for cooperation of ex-students, faculty, students and friends of the college to make the occasion one of the biggest in the institution's seventy-five years history. Dates were not discussed, but it is believed that Dr. Evans was making reference to a meeting this spring, possibly on Alumni Day in May.

In his report to the Alumni officers, Dr. Evans urged the group to participate more widely in programs of interest to the college. "The institution today has the greatest opportunity in its history for its full development," he stated "and it will require a concentrated effort on all our parts to affect a realization of our added resources into terms of service to the people of Texas and the Nation."

The President made reference to the reorganization of education in Texas and the part the college must play in supplying highly trained and competent personnel. He also touched upon the world situation and the effects of unsettled condition and world conflict on the college program.

The Alumni Association officers present included the recently elected Board of Directors and members of the executive council. The joint meeting was called for the purpose of defining policy and responsibilities — resulting from several very definite changes in the administrative organization.

W. Marion Davis, of Baytown, president of the group presided over the four-hour session. Others in attendance included: R. A. Harrison, vice president (Luling); L. U. Mason, second vice president, (Marshall); Mrs. Jessie Robertson, secretary, (Houston); L. C. Mosley, executive secretary, (Prairie View); A. W. McDonald, treasurer, (Galveston). Members of the Board present were E. M. Norris, Prairie View; I. T. Hunter, MD, Tyler; Miss Mable Kilpatrick, Houston; and J. R. Farris, Mexia.

Coronation of Miss Prairie View Set for February Third

Velma Livingston, Miss Prairie View for 1950-51, will be crowned queen of the college in ceremonies here February 3rd.



SUAREZ HALL . . . first picture of the recently occupied dormitory for women. The \$350,000 structure is modern and first-class in every detail. It houses 247 senior co-eds, with excellent facilities for recreation and social entertainment. It is named for the late Miss Mary Suarez, Dean of women at the college for many years, and idolized by thousands of young women who have called Prairie View their home.

PRAIRIE VIEW HONORS SIXTEEN WALLER COUNTY FARM FAMILIES

College Establishes Climate Station

Daily records are now being kept on wind movement, temperature, soil and water evaporation, rainfall, humidity, frost, snow and sleet at Prairie View A. & M. College as part of a cooperating evaporation and climatological laboratory project recently undertaken.

These studies are being made by the Agriculture Experiment Sub-station No. 18 located at Prairie View in cooperation with the Texas Board of Water Engineers, and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The Soil Conservation Services Division of Irrigation Research is also assisting in the project.

The Agricultural Experiment Sub-station at Prairie View has seen rapid development since its organization in 1946 by the Board of Directors of the Texas A. & M. College System. A number of valuable research projects have been initiated which have contributed a great deal to agriculture in this area.

Mrs. R. von Charlton is in charge of arrangements for the coronation and she is assisted by the Student Welfare Committee Organization at the college.

Summer Session Plans Call for Additional Offerings

The 1951 Summer Session at Prairie View A. & M. College will offer a wide selection of new courses designed to meet the needs of the in-service teacher. Dr. E. B. Evans, President, stated here Friday. "We have committed ourselves to full cooperation in a better teacher education program for the states public school system, and Prairie View will go all the way," he declared.

"Competent persons are being sought to fill a great need in elementary education, child development and special education," President Evans told a special summer school committee which was called in an initial session Friday afternoon at the college. J. M. Drew, Dean of Instruction and Director of the Summer School, was given the go ahead signal to organize a complete program with the addition of a wide variety of courses recognized as needs over the state.

Counseling and Guidance training will receive particular emphasis in the new program, along with courses in supervision and specialized areas in the elementary education field. Health education and special work for school nurses, health supervisors and elementary teachers will continue to receive a great deal of stress.

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LETTERS FROM MEN IN THE SERVICE

EDITORS NOTE.—The following letters are from men in the Armed Services graduates and ex-students of Prairie View. We believe that their letters carry a message of interest to all of our readers. They speak for themselves.

Somewhere in Korea
December 27, 1950

THE EDITOR:

I was the happy recipient of a recent publication of the Standard and Panther. To read it was like a visit to the "Hill." Next to chow and personal mail comes reading material as any fighting man will agree, consequently I am passing them to other P. V. men of the regiment. They are first Lt's Ray Harrison, Walter Reed, Alonzo Sargeant, Second Lt's Clifton McVea, Reginald Sapenter and Winston Williams. First Lt's Clifton Vincent and Alexander Hunt are former members of the regiment. Lt. Clarence Jackson is with the 5th regimental team, and Lt. Alain Settle with 9th Inf. Bgt. of Second Division.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
ALBERT WALKER, 1st Lt. Inf.
Co. F 24th Inf. Regt.
APO 25 c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.

TO THE EDITOR:

In these days of vigorous national efforts, rapidly changing conditions and universal state of frustration, the world is greatly in need of men who are emotionally stable, physically sound, competent and alert.

As a former member of the Prairie View ROTC Corps, it becomes a relatively simple task to inform you that your corps, with its capable military staff creating only the most valuable experiences for development in every capacity of leadership, fully able to give you the desired training necessary to successfully cope with world situations as they exist today.

From our most recent newspaper reports, we know that our corps have graduated capable and efficient officers unsurpassed by any other organization. Many of these men have made the supreme sacrifice for freedom. In spite of this fact, the world is often cruel and blind; the full worth of deed is overlooked; misconception, result from national decisions; and because of misunderstanding dissonance and controversy arise. But if you can, somehow, instill within the members of the corps to believe that your present organization is one of the finest, and work to make it so, the result will be amazingly favorable. For after all, it is the SPIRIT of men which MUST contribute to the world we are fighting to make.

Sincerely,
PHILLIP L. YOUNG
Former Editor of "THE BUGLE"

DEAR EDITOR:

After reading your December issue of the Prairie View Panther, I am convinced that it is one of the best school papers I have ever seen. I wish to give you some of the News in Korea today. It is very hot over here now. I am at the front, and I don't have much time to write this letter. We are withdrawing. I can not say where, but you know that we will do our best.

I was a Panther once and played football there. I love Prairie View very dearly, and I know all my friends that are over here love her too. That is why we will give our lives to try and keep communism out and have democracy all over the world.

This is the late News and you can write about it. The Chinese are pushing us back and we are trying to stop them. There is a large number of them and the only thing we can do is pray and ask the Lord to guide us to safety. This war is not like World War II. I



SGT. JAMES H. NORMAN . . . P. V. Certificate in Painting, 1947. Former Panther football great.

was in it and I know that we had a hard job, but this one is much harder.

Well I don't know if I will be alive when you get this letter, but I want you to tell Reverend Lee C. Phillip to pray for me that I will be able to receive the next issue of the Panther.

We can not take much time over here. Fire is dropping around, and I have to go. If I do make it back, I will come to Prairie View to see all of my old friends and tell them all about Korea. This is one place I will never forget as long as I live.

Yours truly,
SGT. JAMES H. NORMAN
Hq. and Hq. Det.
Teagu Mil. Command (Prov)
APO 20 c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.



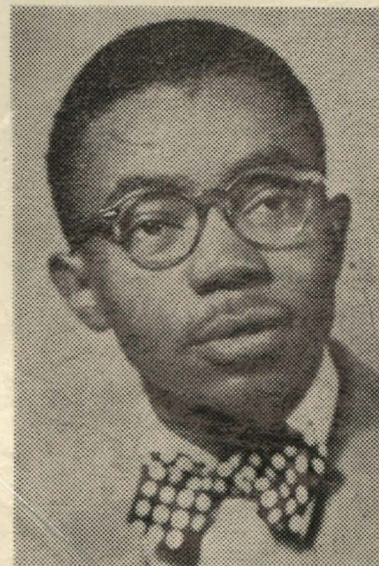
PRAIRIE VIEW GRADUATE JOINS AIR FORCE . . . Miss Alestee Miobe Drisdale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mae Drisdale, West Point, Texas, has been appointed First Lieutenant, AFNC and has reported for duty at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. The Oath of Office for commission as an officer in the Air Force Nurse Corps was administered in the Office of Dr. E. B. Evans, President, Prairie View A. & M. College by Captain ROY W. BURLEY, Adjutant of the PMS&T, on 8 December 1950.

Lieutenant DRISDALE is a graduate of Prairie View A. & M. College, having completed Nurse Training and received a B.Sc. in Nursing Education 1944. In addition the Lieutenant has done graduate work in Biology at Howard University, 1948 and Texas State University, Houston in 1949. Lt. DRISDALE'S father is a Prairie View graduate, class of 1915.

Cattle Feeders Field Day Held At Beeville

President E. B. Evans and G. L. Smith, Director of Agriculture at the college, were visitors to a cattle feeders field day program held at the Beeville Agriculture Experiment Station January 12. Both Dr. Evans and Mr. Smith contributed to the program in describing the work of Sub-station 18 located at the college.

An estimated 350 cattle feeders were on hand from Victoria to Brownsville composed of livestock people, ranchmen, Herford breeders and actual feeders. In addition to the Prairie View representatives, other visitors included Dr. Henry Cox and Mr. Morton of the Corn Products Refining Company, and J. R. Johnston and O. L. Tippitt of the Temple station.



HOMER PETTIT . . . attended National "Y" Assembly at Oxford, Ohio.

Austin Frederick Cadet of Month

Cadet Sergeant Austin Frederick, the Battalion Sgt. Major, whose home is in Berclair, Texas was selected as Cadet of the month in December by the ROTC unit at Prairie View.



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News About People

Mrs. Katie J. W. Clay (Class '85) recently donated \$50.00 to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Carl Owens, Class of '46 recently exchanged marriage vows with Miss Faye Grace Bellfield, a graduate of Sam Huston College and Teacher at Angleton, Texas. Mr. Owens was an outstanding music student at the college and later taught in the music department at Sam Huston. The couple will reside in Austin.

Rai Upchurch-Bright, class of '36, is operating a successful Modiste and Milliner Shop on High Street in Denver Colorado. The Houston Informer carried a photograph recently of Mrs. Bright—serving another outstanding artist, Miss Viviane Greene, noted Decca Record Artist and famed Honey girl of the west.

Arthur Riddle, class of '48, visited the college campus this month. He is a student at the Howard University Medical School. Mr. Riddle reports that both Misses Gloria Bradford ('48) and Charlyola Farris are law students in Washington, D. C.

Prof. L. R. Bagwell (class of '28) brought a young blind student to the college on January 24. The young man will be the first blind male student to enter the college. Three young women have previously been enrolled, and two graduated.

It is reported that Eugent Dix (class of '38) has resigned his position as an Extension Agent and will donate all of his time to the dairying business.

Prairie View is Represented at White House Conference

The December issue of the Standard carried a story concerning Reverend L. C. Phillip's attendance at the Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth.

We add two other names of Prairie View people who attended this important conference. Mrs. Pauline Watkins-Campbell graduate of Prairie View, and outstanding supervisor in Texas Schools was a representative to the Conference from State PTA group and the Texas Health Education Program.

Bennie Jewell Douglas, an outstanding student leader in the New Homemakers of America program was also in attendance. Miss Douglas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Douglas of Caldwell, Texas was selected for her achievement in NHT and NFA work which is directed from Prairie View.



STATE LEADERS IN VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE MEET AT PRAIRIE VIEW IN A STAFF CONFERENCE. . . These state and district directors are in charge of a state-wide program which include 178 departments in Vocational Agriculture in public school for Negroes with 180 teachers and 6000 farm boys enrolled. There are L to R: G. L. Smith, Dean of the School of Agriculture, Prairie View A. & M. College; O. J. Thomas, and E. M. Norris, Teacher Trainers, both of Prairie View; Gus Jones, District Supervisor, George Hart, Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education; S. E. Palmer, Paul Rathledge, E. E. Collins, and W. D. Thompson, District Supervisors.

Christmas Brighten-Up Campaign Winners Announced

Three groups of prizes were awarded this month to winners in the Christmas Brighten-Up Contest sponsored by the Prairie View Garden Club.

In the Public buildings division, the School of Engineering received two large cement planting boxes for First Place Winning. The Administration building received second place and the Poultry plant, third place.

Dr. and Mrs. R. von Charlton captured first prize for beautifully decorated outdoor displays. The E. G. Higs were second place winners and the D. W. Martins third place. For indoor and porch displays, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Fry were first, the E. E. O'Banion 2nd, the N. G. Hardins 3rd and Oscar Simmons fourth.

Dormitories receiving prizes were Saurez Hall, First Place, Anderson, 2nd and Evans, 3rd. Cash prizes were given to winners in the residential group while all dormitories and public building winners received useful gift items.

In the honorable mention class in all division of the contest were the gymnasium, college exchange, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Evans, and Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Coruthers.

Prairie View Graduates Wed

Miss Frankie Lucille Wallace, a 1950 graduate of Prairie View, became the bride of James E. Harris also a Prairie View graduate, on December 24th at four o'clock.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace, in Bryan, Texas.

While in Prairie View Mrs. Harris was a Home Economics major and was very popular in extra-curricular activities.

Mr. Harris, who received both his B.S. and Masters Degrees at Prairie View, was an outstanding student and is at present teaching in the high school at Edna, Texas.

Informal Inspection Held for ROTC Unit

The Battalion Color Bearers and Color Guards appeared in special uniform for the first time in the recent inspection of the ROTC installation at Prairie View A. & M. College. The parade and review was witnessed by a team of Officers from Headquarters Texas Military District.

Major Reuben L. Horner, Assistant Professor of Military Science and executive Officer at Prairie View, was honored for his promotion from the grade of Captain to the grade of Major.

The inspection team consisted of Colonel Joe E. Davis, head of the ROTC Section, Texas Military District, Major George A. Murray, and 1st Lt. T. C. Burris. Colonel Davis, who formerly served as Assistant Commandant and Assistant PMS&T at Texas A. & M. College, serves as liaison between Headquarters Fourth Army and the PMS&T's at the many high schools, colleges, and Universities of Texas that offer ROTC training.

The uniform and accouterments worn by the Color Bearers and Guards are now part of the uniform of the Cadet Band and the Special Drill team. They are worn only on special and ceremonial occasions.

Student Attends National 'Y' Assembly

HOMER PETTIT a Junior majoring in the field of Business Administration represented the Prairie View YMCA at the National Student Assembly which was held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. This meeting was held from December 27, 1950 until January 2, 1951. The purpose of the meeting is to call together representatives from "Y" organizations all over the world to plan "Y" activities for the following four years.



President E. B. Evans greets new Superintendent of Grounds

Perkins Named Superintendent of Grounds

Harold A. Perkins, an experienced horticulturist and student of Kansas State College and Cornell University has been placed in charge of Care and Maintenance of grounds at Prairie View A. & M. College.

The new Superintendent of grounds, whose appointment was effective January 1, specialized in Ornamental Horticulture in his college training and has had experience in this work for the past twelve years. He was head of the Department of Ornamental Horticulture at Virginia State College from 1937 to 1941 and moved to South Carolina A. & M. College to direct the same work until 1946. Since that time he has operated a

flower shop, landscape and garden service in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

In making the appointment, President E. B. Evans stated that the college campus has expanded to the point that it is necessary to employ a full time trained person to supervise grounds and crew men. "The first impression that people get of the institution is the campus—many never go any further than the campus itself,"—he continued, "therefore it is important that the college grounds have a good appearance."

The new Superintendent is 41, married and is a native of Hearne, Texas.