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1951 SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



THE PRAIRIE VIEW PANTHERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st Row—Edward Price, Paul Scott, Charlie Rogers, Charlie Brackens, Jack Price, Donald Grace, Vance Heard, John Freeman, Melvin King. 2nd Row—Billie Howard, George Forkerway, D. L. Johnson, Tyler Spikes, Chester Hancock, Arthur Brown, Hamilton Chinn, Earl Jackson. 3rd Row—Joseph Henry, Willie Pruitt, Robert Mitchum, T. J. Franklin, Ray Hudson, Leonard Robinson, David Harper, Hollis McQueen. 4th Row—Edward

Dawson, Bill Nunn, Ray Hudson, Harry Wright, Marvin Richards, Ray Don Dillon, William Clark, Ira Franklin. 5th Row—O. Kelley, Charles Haywood, Leroy Crawford, Irvin Matson, Leroy Brown, Robert Hall, Eli Childress, Calvin Williams. 6th Row—Curtis Barber, Johnny Price, Wesley Shaw, Charles Wright, Eural Henson, Jack Bellinger, Andrew Kelley. 7th Row—J. C. Jones, James Miller, Robert Price, John Davis, Marvin Jenkins.

President Evans Receives Appointment

Another honor was paid to President E. B. Evans recently in his appointment to the Committee on Inter-Racial Relationship by the National Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America.

Already a holder of the Silver Beaver and the Silver Antelope, Scouting's highest awards for service, Dr. Evans received unanimous approval of the Scouting Board for this important National position. He was notified of the appointment by Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout executive, New York National headquarters.

This new post of honor follows closely the acceptance of the President into the American Veterinary Medical Association, a recognition long denied Negro members of the profession.

Choir Scores In "The Messiah"

The 100-voice college choir, under the directorship of Dr. Rudolph Von Charlton, Head of the Department of Music, gave its splendid rendition of the Messiah on the 16th at the Sunday evening Vesper Hour.

Along with the choir a college concert Band under the directorship of Julius Jones gave a worthwhile performance.

The soloists that were featured with the choir were Bessie Gooden, and Mae Helen Wilson, sopranos; Mary Jo Hall, alto; Julius Langston, tenor, and Carl Tigner, baritone. The solos along with the choruses by the choir were beautifully done and everyone in the audience couldn't help but be-touched and feel the true Christmas spirit in their hearts.

The Messiah is one of the favorite of cantatas and especially during this season of the year. Dr. Von Charlton, Mr. Jones and members of the college choir and band should be complimented greatly for their superb performance.

"Y" Presents Formal In Auditorium-Gymnasium

A Peppermint Candy Formal was presented by the joint Y's on Saturday night, December 15, in the Auditorium-gymnasium.

The building was decorated in the beautiful style of a series of peppermint sticks and peppermint candy canes. A twenty-four foot Christmas tree was set in the center of the dance floor. It was decorated in very lavish style.

An estimate of two-hundred persons were in attendance.

New Headquarters Established for Phillis Wheatley Foundation

A release from the National Phillis Wheatley Foundation announced the dedication of their National Headquarters for Sunday, December 16, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Jane E. Hunter, President of this outstanding citizenship organization, is making a plea for participation by girls and young women in its many services. The Foundation aims, among other things, to provide scholarships in vocational education. It is currently sponsoring a national play-writing contest.

Incorporated in 1947, the Foundation is named for Phillis Wheatley, America's first Negro poet. The new national headquarters at 2163 East 46th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, will include a completely redecorated building, the main floor of which has been planned for business, religious purposes, and lectures on intelligent participation in civic affairs.

The Foundation is planning now for its jubilee celebration in 1954 for the 200th anniversary of the birth of Phillis Wheatley.

Veterans Present Sunday Tea

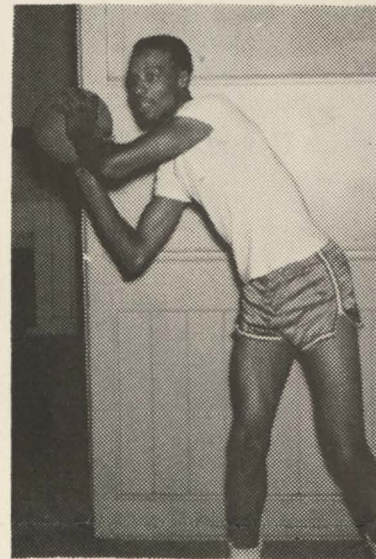
The Veterans club held an informal tea in the Student Lounge of the Recreation Center on Sunday afternoon at four p. m.

This affair was presented in lieu of an overall objective of the Veterans club to raise the social caliber of their club and stimulate a greater interest in social affairs on the campus other than the ordinary.

An excellent atmosphere was provided by music of the masters in

concert albums. The seats were arranged in a style which demanded that the group socialize generally rather than specifically. It was made known that this was only the first and far from the last of a progressive year's program for the club.

During the affair an estimate of seventy-five couples attended.



ARTHUR MATHERSON—will lead Panther quintet.

P. V. Cagers Nip Southwest 81-78

In Dallas recently, the potential 1952 Panther Basketball team, barely nosed out the Southwest Business College Five of D-town 81-78 in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium.

At the half time, Southwest was leading the Panthers by a narrow margin, but the purple and gold, which was being led by Captain Arthur Matherson managed to out-manuever them by a three-point victory, 81-78.

THE PRAIRIE VIEW STANDARD

Faculty Members Honored At Annual Banquet

In one of their rare full-dress occasions, members of the college staff, almost to the last man, made the annual trek to the beautifully decorated cafeteria on the evening of December 11; ate \$2.00 steaks; relaxed in unaccustomed luxury; and had the time of their lives in what is called the Annual Faculty Banquet.

Good fellowship, such as is seldom seen in the hustle-bustle of every day class and committee assignments, was the keynote of the swanky affair. Everybody was in good spirits, and a lot of pride and admiration was exhibited especially when the group paid homage to two old-timers who had passed the 25 year notch in their services to the college.

W. R. Banks, who moved into full retirement last August 31 after having served as the institution's head for his quarter century period, was honored as was A. G. Cleaver, instructor in broom and mattress making, who received his diploma from Prairie View in 1911 and has made good brooms and mattresses here for Texas people ever since. D. S. Yarbrough, Chairman of the affair, made the presentations.

E. M. Norris served as toastmaster and amidst his own humor he continually prompted the main speaker, Thomas Holley "the man who never grows old" into a barrage of lively jokes that kept the stiff shirts rollicking in their seats. Another Prairie View pillar, F. G. Fry, the man of many talents, proved still another when using all the tricks and aids in his radio productions, he broke out with actually good piano renditions of pieces from away back to boogie.

The dining hall people did themselves well in producing a sumptuous menu which commercially would sell

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O. J. THOMAS Heads League.

Full-Time League Director Named

A memorandum from President E. B. Evans' office dated November 25 announced the appointment of O. J. Thomas as State Director of the Inter-scholastic League of Colored Schools. "Mr. Thomas has been associated with the League programs for many years, and now devoting full-time to its directorship; he is in a better position to render to this activity the service it deserves," Dr. Evans stated.

The announcement, addressed to member schools and officials, and appearing in a recent issue of the League Reporter also reaffirmed the purposes of the League which had its beginning at Prairie View and has operated for the past thirty years with limited staff and facilities.

The new director has served the league in various capacities almost as long as its existence. Twenty odd years ago he served as county and district director and later as chairman of the State Rules Committee and Chairman of the state meet Committee. For the past two years he has held the post as state director but which was a part-time position in addition to his regular employment at the college.

Aside from Mr. Thomas' activities with the league he has served as instructor at Texas College, Principal of the School at Cameron, Texas, which was named in his honor the O. J. Thomas High School and recently as State Itinerant Teacher Trainer and State Adviser of New Farmers of America in Agricultural Education. Offices of honor held include: President of the Colored Teachers Association of Texas; First Vice President of American Teachers Association, both of which he is a life member and President of Prairie View Alumni Association. He is a member of the National Education Association and of the Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Professional Education Fraternity.

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Arkansas State Selected For P. V. Bowl Classic

AG Education Dept. Has New Member

John R. Powell, has been recently appointed to the position of Itinerant teacher trainer in Agricultural Education. He replaces Mr. O. J. Thomas in this position as Mr. Thomas has been moved into the directorship of the state interscholastic league.



JOHN R. POWELL

A graduate of Prairie View, Mr. Powell comes directly from the position as teacher of Agriculture at Sam Houston High School, Huntsville, where he has directed an outstanding program in vocational agriculture. One of his students has served as vice president of the National NFA organization and a number of them have been winners in state and national contests. Mr. Powell has also been active in civic improvement activities in the Huntsville area.

The new teacher-trainer is employed jointly by the college and the Texas Education Agency. With headquarters at Prairie View in the department of Agricultural Education, he will work directly with Dr. E. M. Norris in training Ag teachers and rendering in-service assistance to teachers over the state.

The Arkansas A. M. & N. College Lions of Pine Bluff, 4th place winners in the Southwestern Conference, will be the guest of the College in the 24th annual playing of the Prairie View Bowl on New Year Day, 1952.

Entering the classic with their first conference championship in eleven years, the Panthers extended an invitation to all the leading Negro College elevens in the Nation, but they had to return to their own league, as was on last year, to find a willing opponent for this past-season battle.

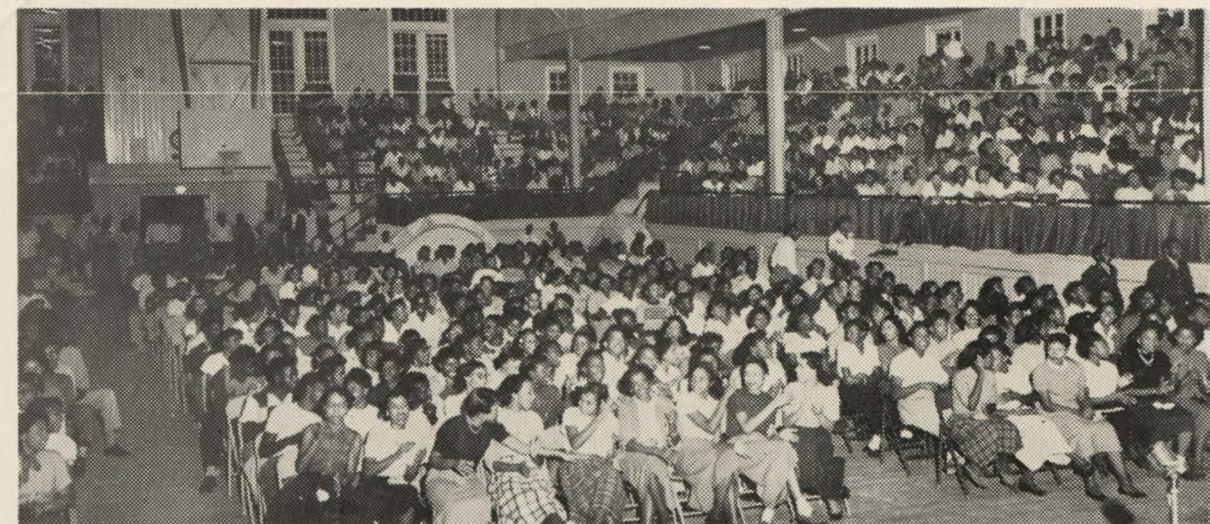
The Arkansas neighbors are considered by the coaches and squad as a very good choice, since their relationship with sister Land Grant School has always been very friendly and with a high degree of keen, wholesome, competition. Despite the Lions 4-2-1 season record, they possess, as usual, one of the top aggregations in the region.

The Prairie View Bowl, second oldest to the Rose Bowl in California, continues to grow in national popularity. Some 10,000 or more Southwest football fans are expected to be in Houston for the occasion. Prairie View's record in these annual games has been 13 wins; 8 losses; and 2 ties. Their game with Bishop College last year ended in a 6-6 deadlock.

Tickets for the Buffalo Stadium tilt will go on sale soon. Alumni and friends of the institution are urged to mail an application and check for tickets directly to the college Athletic Council. Pre-sale tickets are set at \$1.50.

Kickoff time scheduled for 2 o'clock January 1. Most of the Prairie View student body including the band, R.O.T.C. drill squad, majorettes and cheerleaders, will be in attendance to furnish several outstanding activities at pre-game and halftime.

"GIVE ME THAT GOOD OLD PRAIRIE VIEW SPIRIT . . ."



SCENE DURING A PEP RALLY—This picture exhibits a typical pep rally at the college during the past football season in which the team won the Southwestern Conference grid title. Moral support such as exhibited above has been referred to as the "twelfth man" on the field for the Panthers. The same spirit is expected to be exhibited at the Prairie View Bowl game in Houston on New Year's Day when the Panthers meet Arkansas.



VISITING EDUCATORS—President E. B. Evans is shown greeting the President of the Association of Governing Boards during their recent visit to the campus.

Weekly Prayer Services Attract 1100 Students

Prairie View A & M College is noted for a number of outstanding services—but here is another, probably the most unexpected of anything the college might boast.

The biggest prayer meeting to be found anywhere in this area is held at Prairie View. With 1100 regularly attending every week, it is quite possible the best attended anywhere.

Purely a voluntary matter for students, only a few at first found time in the busy campus life to attend the Tuesday night prayer services, started some years ago under the guidance of Reverend M. M. Pierson, a Houston pastor. The number grew with the weeks and this Fall every Tuesday evening at seven some 1100 or more are right back in the college auditorium for this weekly devotion. The prayer service now rates at the top among the most popular activities on the campus.

A key to the success of this great program is the leader, Reverend Pierson. He has organized this large group into a working organization with almost every single one of them feeling that he is a part of its unique services. Unlike many other college activities, there is a live interest which is sustained to the very end—and at closing time, all eleven hundred seem to hesitate to go home.

There are regular student leaders; A. C. Rhymes, David Turner, Walter Mitchell and Edward Hill. They sit with Reverend Pierson on the platform and help keep the round of interesting events going. They also lead the songs and read scripture lessons preparatory to the minister's always brief inspirational messages.

Added to the regular services each week, there is always a good program produced by student groups which features religious songs, poems, and readings. There is talent discovered here in one night, that normally would take a long period of coaxing and preparation. There is a male singing group and several girls'



HIGH INTEREST IN RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES The friendly and likeable Reverend M. M. Pierson (left) leads the college weekly prayer services every Tuesday evening in the college gymnasium, which 1100 devout students (shown kneeling above) attend regularly. Students shown on the platform with Rev. Pierson are officers and leaders for the variety of lively activities which include such numbers as those presented by the male vocal group pictured at lower right.

quartets. They all seem to possess a feeling of belonging—of inspired devotion.

The climaxing scene, a most awe-inspiring sight, is the sight of hundreds of students kneeling together in prayer—every single one losing sight of worldly activities or thoughts.



PRAIRIE VIEW BOWL CLASSIC
Buffalo Stadium
New Year's Day
January 1, 1952
Kickoff Time 2 P.M.

O. J. Thomas Named League Director

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League activities for the year include football, basketball, band and spring meets.

The football season which has closed the week of December 17 has been quite an improvement over previous years. Thirty-one (31) class AA and a hundred Class A Schools have participated. Winners of Class AA district honors are: Moore High School, Waco; Dunbar, Texarkana; Yates, Houston; and Anderson, Austin. Yates and Moore High met for the State Championship game in Public School Stadium Friday night, December 14.

Class District honors went to: Abilene, Hillsboro, Denison, Gilmer, Jacksonville, Orange, Huntsville, Brenham, Boling, Marlin, Victoria and Lockhart.

In semi finals, Jacksonville met Hillsboro and Marlin played at Huntsville December 15. State Champions will be declared the following week.

Basketball season will open January 1 with a slight increase in number of schools participating. The State

basketball tournaments will be played at Prairie View February 22 and 23, 1952.

Many schools are already enrolling for the Spring meets and securing their literature and materials for an early start. Likewise much interest is being shown in the State Band Contest to be held March 15, 1952.

In the thirty years of the operation of the League in Texas, thousands of students have been inspired to remain in school and many to enter college in the furtherance of their education.

Faculty Members Honored

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for \$5.00. The college recreation committee scored another hit, topping this outstanding banquet with a dance for the group in the recreation center.

It was a happy time for the old and young, an evening filled with laughter, mirth and entertainment which will long be remembered by the older members of the Prairie View family.

Religious Emphasis Highlights December Events Calendar

Two important religious conferences, the University Christian Mission and the annual "Y" Leadership Institute held at the college on December 2nd through 9th provided 8-days of special religious activities for the Prairie View student body, staff members and more than 400 visiting youth from communities throughout the state.

Faith for living in these days of Tension was the theme of the first conference which was sponsored under the auspices of the National Council of Churches. Visiting speakers included the Reverend Melvin Watson, Morehouse College; Mrs. Rosa Page, a representative of the National Council from Chicago, Illinois; Dr. Joseph J. Copeland, Denton, Texas, pastor; and Dr. Martin Harvey, Southern University.

Local persons contributing leadership to these services included Dr. J. L. Brown, Coordinator; Reverend L. C. Phillips, faculty Chairman; Lonnie Bunkley, student chairman; Ruth Edwards, Clemith Houston, W. J. Jolley, Melvin Tolson, G. L. Smith, S. C. Usher, Grace Parker, Imogene Ford, J. E. Phillips, D. S. Yarbrough, L. C. McMillan, G. L. Black, Aaron Alexander, N. C. Hardin, Fayette Banks, Drucilla Moore, Mrs. C. B. Coss, Mrs. Z. S. Coleman, Blanche Johnson, Cleotha Balkey, Mary Dupont, Yernell Howell, H. T. Jones, W. J. Hall, J. D. Singletary, G. R. Woolfolk, G. S. Gray, W. H. Stickney, Mittie Dow, and many others who served with committee groups in staging the activities.

The latter conference, sponsored jointly by the college and the Southwest Area Council, Y.M.C.A. had for its theme "Stabilizing Home, School and Community Life." Chief consultants for the three days meet were Reverend William Harvey II, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; R. A. Childers, President, Childers Manufacturing Co., Houston; John E. Eubanks, President, Jarvis Christian College; and Dr. Ina Bolton, Dean of Students, Texas Southern University. Reverend L. C. Phillips, Dr. D. S. Yarbrough and Miss Anne Campbell were local representatives on the program. Dr. J. L. Brown, director of extramural services was coordinator for the conference, and he was assisted by W. S. Souglass, assistant Y.M.C.A. secretary representing the Southwest area council.



MISS HOMECOMING—Mrs. Chrystell Vaughters Hickey ('41) is presented a bouquet of flowers by President E. B. Evans during half time ceremonies at the Prairie View-Langston Homecoming game. Miss Prairie View—(Miss Drucilla Moore) accompanies the visiting queen and Henderson Garrett serves as escort. One of the largest returning crowds in history was on hand for this great event.

AG. ENGINEERING PROGRAM STRESSES PRACTICAL TRAINING

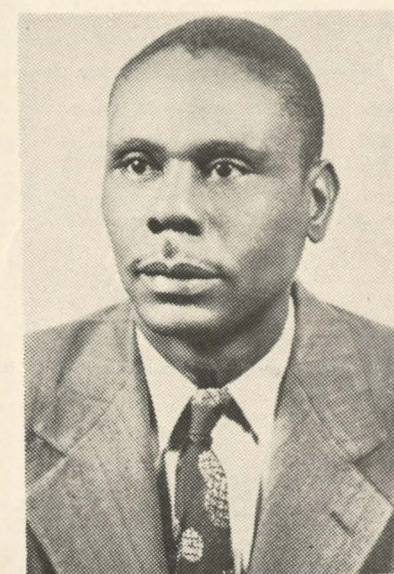
Agricultural students at Prairie View are getting fundamental experiences in how to plan and construct farm and service buildings, a vital need among farmers and agricultural workers in almost all rural areas.

This practical training which emphasizes "learning by doing" is the program of the department of Agricultural Engineering which is under the direction of J. R. Ross and has enthusiastic young men on its rolls.

Ag engineers have been responsible for many of the service buildings now dotting the campus. This is a part of their extensive training in building to meet the needs at hand. Most recent projects to their credit include the shed for beef cattle on the college farms and a poultry house for a campus resident.

Other service buildings constructed by these class groups are five two-sow farrowing houses, poultry houses now being used for laying and separation, a tractor shed and an instrument shelter now in use in the climatological laboratory.

The department also includes in its activities the arrangement of buildings, location and other essential factors for effective service. The engineers have built numerous brooder houses, garages, and their list of repair



J. R. ROSS—Emphasizes on the job training.

jobs such as steps, fences, and doors easily prove their worth in training for better home and community living.

Although on-the-job training is emphasized, Ag engineers get plenty of classroom work on planning the job, crop requirements, cost and construction details.

YULETIDE SPIRIT FEATURED IN COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

December is Christmas time at Prairie View—in every sense of the phrase. Appropriately opening the long holiday observance with religious emphasis, future activities planned ranged from class programs, building parties, elaborate decorations, club dances, to a Christmas play which involved kindergarten to college students, and finally the climaxing Christmas Cantata, presented annually by the department of Music.

It would be impossible to list and describe the many programs featured in these earlier activities. Those involving the largest groups included the annual R.O.T.C. Officers dinner and ball, the Y dance, and the Garden Club's annual Christmas Brighten-up Campaign, which put the entire campus in attractive and novel Christmas lights.

The Prairie View Sunday School presented an original play by Mrs. Mable F. Bradley entitled "The Silence of God" on December 9 in the college auditorium. This production also included a "Christmas Carol" which was a playlet dramatized by the Junior department of the Sunday School. At least a hundred college and Training

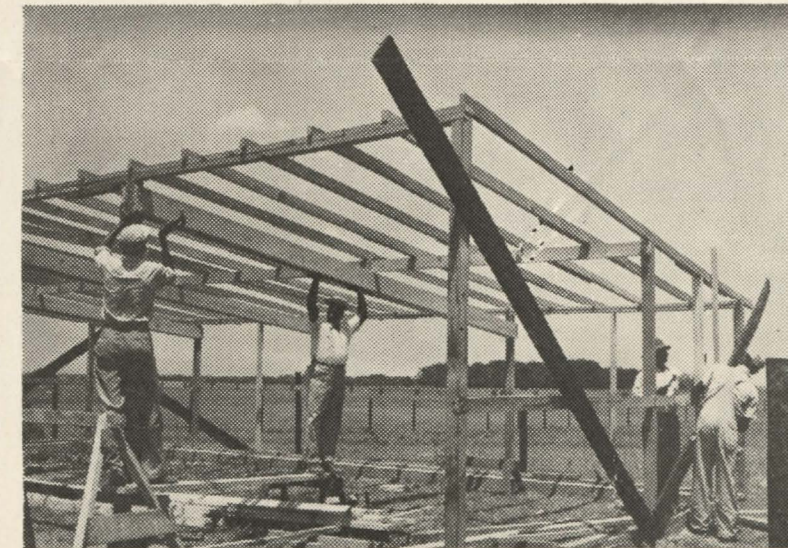
School students were listed in the cast.

Before closing, the Music Department 100-voice choir staged a major production of the Messiah, a Christmas Cantata, which was also aired on the college radio program over KLEE Sunday, November 16.

Christmas holidays began officially on December 20th when a fleet of special buses provided transportation to thousands of homes over the state. But if you want to know the truth, Christmas for Prairie View started December 11 and the Yuletide spirit was high and rich with all the good things for which this period was meant.

December, of course, was not all holiday time at the college. All of the classes moved into high gear to meet certain assignments and wrap up the work until January. Committee meetings for faculty groups were even heavier than usual and business was "as usual" in all departments.

It was more the Christmas spirit that made the difference and it is this type of thing that makes the Prairie View family a great unit in the cause of brotherhood and Christmas living.



AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO PRAIRIE VIEW'S EXPANSION PROGRAM—Students in farm building construction class are shown in the photo above erecting a shed for beef cattle on the college farm. Purlins are being placed by E. B. Johnson and Jake Cleveland; corner posts are being braced by Verbe Norman and Norman Barlow. The group in the lower picture is completing a poultry house for one of the college residences. Clyde Wedgeworth and Garland Washington are putting on roof sheathing; Claude Jones is measuring the door opening; and Lennie Lyons is sawing-off side boards.



R. O. T. C. ACCOMPLISHMENTS—Major General Hugh M. Milton (left), Executive for Reserve and R. O. T. C. Affairs, Washington, D. C., during the recent informal visit to Prairie View A. & M. College is shown a trophy won by the Prairie View Cadet Corps under the direction of Lt. Col. Hyman Y. Chase (right), PMS&T. The trophy, held by President E. B. Evans, was awarded for perfection in military drill by the Department of Military Science and Tactics at Texas A. & M. and Prairie View and also by the Prairie View executive cabinet. It is named for a former assistant professor of Military Science at the college, the late Captain Maxwell Vails, who gave his life in the Korean War.