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Due to the large number of schools enrolled it has been decided to use two week-ends of April to hold the contests. The Classes B, C and D Schools will compete Saturday, April 30 and the Classes A and A1 Schools will compete Saturday, April 29. Because of housing conditions it was thought wise to use the two week-ends to avoid difficulties of lodging. Under this arrangement most of the competitors can come Saturday morning and leave Saturday afternoon. These events will bring several hundred students, teachers and citizens to our campus.

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A. CALENDAR -

1. April - 1946

- (a) National Health Week April 1-7
- (b) Clean-Up Day April 3
- (c) Intercollegiate Relays and Tennis Tournament April 5-6
- (d) Annual Musical - Elementary School April 14
- (e) Texas Interscholastic League, Classes B, C and D April 20
- (f) Easter Music - Vesper Hour April 21
- (g) Annual Maheagris April 24
- (h) Annual Inspection ROTC April 25-26
- (i) Texas Interscholastic League, Classes A and AA April 27
- (j) Annual Musical - High School April 28

2. May - 1946

- (a) Entertainment - Cadet Officers May 4
- (b) Honors Day May 6
- (c) Annual Junior-Senior Entertainment May 11
- (d) Annual Alumni Meeting May 18
- (e) Parents' Day May 19
- (f) Baccalaureate and Commencement .. Dr Mordecai W Johnson,
Howard University, Washington, D C . May 19
- (g) Second Semester Examinations May 20-22
- (h) End of Second Semester May 23

B. INTERCOLLEGIATE RELAYS -

The Annual Intercollegiate Relays will be observed at the University April 5-6. Principally all of the member colleges in the Southwest Conference will send their participants, according to recent communications. Tuskegee Institute, Alabama and Xavier University, New Orleans have indicated that they would send contestants. This will bring to the campus representatives from the leading colleges in the Southwest, as well as from Alabama. We are happy to be host to this important group of college people.

C. INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE -

Due to the large number of schools enrolled it has been decided to use two week-ends of April to hold the contests. The Classes B, C and D Schools will compete Saturday, April 20 and the Classes A and AA Schools will compete Saturday, April 27. Because of housing conditions it was thought wise to use the two week-ends to avoid difficulties of lodging. Under this arrangement most of the competitors can come Saturday morning and leave Saturday afternoon. These events will bring several hundred students, teachers and citizens to our campus.

D. ROTC INSPECTION -

The Service Command has sent directive to the effect that the Annual Inspection of the ROTC Unit at Prairie View University will take place April 25-26, 1946. The fact that two days will be used indicates that this inspection will be thorough and comprehensive. Brigadier General Benjamin O Davis will be guest of the institution at this time.

E. PARENTS' DAY -

For five years Prairie View has sponsored a Parents' Day in connection with the activities of Commencement. This year Parents' Day will be on Sunday, May 19. It is expected that several hundred parents and friends will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the University.

F. COMMENCEMENT AND BACCALAUREATE -

During the war the practice of holding Commencement and Baccalaureate on the same day was observed and the outcome was so satisfactory that for the near future the observance of these exercises will be at the same time. This year the Commencement and Baccalaureate exercises will be on Sunday, May 19. The guest speaker will be Dr. Mordecai W Johnson of Howard University, Washington, D C. The reputation of Dr Johnson as an able and eloquent speaker will be responsible for a record attendance at the Commencement exercises this year.

G. VICTORY GARDENS -

The Federal Government is urging the American citizens to help with the world food shortage by cultivating Victory Gardens this spring and summer. For a number of years we have had several faculty members to engage in this worthwhile practice and we want to take this occasion to urge everyone who finds it possible to plant a Victory Garden. This will not only make a contribution to the food shortage in the country but it will offer a worthwhile and wholesome exercise activity.

H. THANK YOU!

During this school year Prairie View University has been called upon to make contributions to several worthy enterprises and the employees of the institution have responded in a very praise-worthy manner. We wish to point out the following:

1. The United Charities	\$ 426.47
2. Annual Red Cross Drive	\$ 377.42
3. Infantile Paralysis Foundation	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 853.89

Thank You!

I. REUNION -- CLASS OF 1936 --

Plans are now being set in motion for the reunion of the members of the classes who graduated in the Regular and Summer Sessions of 1936. Captain A C Herald, Jr, who is President of the Class, is now serving in the Armed Forces in Germany, but Mr Lee E Perkins, Sgt Lloyd Scott and Principal F W Thomas of Lufkin, Texas have agreed to assume the responsibility of rounding up the class members for a great reunion here on Saturday, May 18, 1946. It is the hope that every living member of this class will either be present in person or by proxy.

J. THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND --

1. Pay Community Chest dues.
2. Plant flowers in yards and keep hedges and grass on and around the lawns trimmed.
3. Plant Victory Gardens.

K. ATTACHED --

At the International Convention of the YMCA held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on March 15-17, 1946 a statement was voted as representing the sentiments of the delegates present from thirty-one nations and we regard it of significant importance. For the information of the readers it is attached to this News Letter.

L. AND FINALLY --

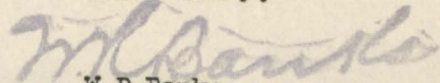
These words are worthy of memorizing:

"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."

-- Selected --

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Yours truly,



W R Banks
Principal

WRB:c
Attachment

P S: Meeting the usual place and time -- The W R Banks Library.

WRB

IMPERATIVES IN RECONVERSION

(This statement was adopted at the International Convention of Young Men's Christian Association, Atlantic City, New Jersey, March 15-17, 1946.)

"No more important problem and opportunity faces the YMCA in the transition from war to peace than that in the areas of interracial and inter-cultural relations. The war and the transition to peace have made us face the inequities in the life of the nation and of the world, based on differences of race or culture. Many of those who will be members of the YMCA in this transition period are of the Negro or other minority races who gave themselves unsparingly in the armed forces or in industry for the winning of the war. They will expect, and have a right to expect, fairness and equity now that the war is over. It is the opportunity as well as the obligation of the YMCAs to work on the front line in the solution of these problems of interracial and inter-cultural relations.

"The YMCA has a special obligation to face courageously the place of Negroes and other racial groupings in its membership. The pattern followed in the YMCA has been that of the United States generally; viz., to develop separate Associations on a racial basis. The acceptance of this pattern as a final answer in a Christian organization has been challenged by many in the YMCA over a period of years. For more than a decade the Student Associations have been modifying their practice in the direction of an interracial fellowship. Area Councils and local Associations have been developing interracial relations in staff and in membership. Careful research studies have been made under the National Council with a view to bringing a contribution to the solution of the problem. With its large and significant membership from minority races in this country, the YMCA has a special opportunity of enlisting the cooperation of Negroes and whites, Orientals and Occidentals in the Association in earnest, prayerful efforts to arrive at policies and practices which will take into account the realities of the diverse local situations and yet will be true to the democratic and Christian convictions of the Association Movement as to the worth and rights of all races."