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#### A CALENDAR --

1. May - 1946	
(a) Entertainment - Cadet Officers	May 7
(b) Honors Day	May 7
(c) Annual Junior-Senior Entertainment	May 14
(d) Annual Alumni Meeting	May 18
(e) Parents' Day, Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises -	be entried
Dr Mordecai W Johnson, Howard University	
(f) Final Examinations - Second Semester	
(g) End of Second Semester	
(h) Faculty Institute - Library Service	. May 27-29
2. June - 1946	
(a) Summer School Opens	June 3
(b) Workshop - Library Service June	3 - July 6
(c) Workshop - English June	3 - July 6
(d) Workshop - Sciences June	
(e) Cooperative Community Education Workshop, Tyler, Texas	
(Tillotson, Bishop, Sam Huston, Wiley, Texas and Prairie	View)
June	3 - July 6

#### B INSTITUTE - FACULTY PARTICIPATION LIBRARY SERVICE -

It is essential that every member of the staff participate in the building up of an effective and functional Library Service of an institution. Prairie View University is holding a three days institute under the theme "Increasing Library Service through Faculty Participation" here May 27-29. Dr Virginia Lacy-Jones, Director of the Library School of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia has been engaged as Consultant during the period of the Institute. Along with her will be other outstanding Librarians who will participate in the program. It is also the purpose to invite the Librarians and faculty members of all of the Negro Colleges in Texas to join with the faculty at Prairie View in this important Library Service Institute. The schedule for this activity will be distributed just as soon as all assignments have been made.

#### C CONGRATULATIONS -

Professor Jonel L Brown was given leave in September 1945 to complete the work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. We are pleased to announce that Professor Brown has completed the work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and has returned to resume his work at Prairie View. The Committee directing his work at the

University of Wisconsin has been high in its praise of his splendid ability. Beginning with the next Regular Session, 1946, half of Dr Brown's time will be used by the State Department of Education in connection with the Negro Schools of Texas and half will be used in giving resident instruction at Prairie View. The part time assignment with the State Department of Education is significant and important in that it closes the final gap between Prairie View and the Public School System of Texas. Congratulations are in order, Dr Jonel L Brown!

#### D WORKSHOPS -

In keeping with the trends of functional education, Prairie View University will participate in four Workshops during the Summer School of 1946; namely-

- 1. The Co-operative College Community Education Workshop will be carried on under the sponsorship of six Senior Negro Colleges in Texas from June 3 to July 6 at Tyler, Texas. Texas College will be the host institution. The participants in this Workshop will be Bishop, Wiley, Texas, Tillotson, Samuel Huston and Prairie View.
- 2. The Science Workshop which was so successful last summer will be continued this summer under the direction of Dr T P Dooley and staff members of the Science Department at Prairie View.
- 3. The English Workshop will run concurrently with the first term of the Summer School under the direction of Miss Anna L Campbell and the members of the English Department.
- 4. The Workshop in Library Service will be in charge of Professor O J Baker and the members of the University Library staff.

In addition to the participation of the Prairie View faculty in these Workshops, the services of outstanding Consultants will be provided from time to time. These Workshops will bring to the campus fifty or sixty progressive teachers from the Negro High Schools in Texas.

#### E WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER!

The faculty, students and friends of Prairie View have witnessed more outstanding events sponsored by the institution this year than at any other time in its history. Of all the significant and important happenings on the campus not one has evinced as much interest and enthusiasm as the presence of the only living Negro General in the United States army, Brigadier General Benjamin O Davis. The General's presence at the Annual Inspection of the ROTC Cadet Corp April 25-26 was most stimulating to the Unit. The institution was honored by his presence and it will long be remembered by those of us who were here.

## THE PRESIDENT - ELECT, PRAIRIE VIEW UNIVERSITY: DR EDWARD B EVANS

The selection of the Head of any Negro institution is a task fraught with many significant implications and possibilities; and, most particularly is this true with Prairie View University. Every administration of an institution niches an important epoch in its history. Therefore, the person who assumes the leadership of Prairie View must be a man not only well trained, but he must have experience, a broad mind, must be far seeing and big enough to envision the total program and philosophy of the institution which is well known at this time: — "Prairie View seeks to serve the Negro citizens of the Southwest at the points of their greatest needs". The President-Elect has been connected with Prairie View for twenty-seven years and his experience with the institution can be generally broken down as follows:

## A. Major Assignments

- 1. Served as Vice Principal of Prairie View 10 years
- 2. Director of Summer School 16 years
- 3. Acting Director of Division of Agriculture
- 4. Director of Athletic Activities 18 years
- 5. Acting Principal Summer 1934
- 6. State Director of Negro Agricultural Extension Service 5 years

#### B. Chairman of Important Standing Committees

- 1. Co-ordinating Committee
- 2. Registration, Classification and Graduation
- 3. Student Personnel
- 4. Student Publications
- 5. Curriculum
- 6. Athletics

## C. Special Assignments

Chairman of

- 1. Committee to Study Per Capita Cost at Prairie View
- 2. Committee to Formulate the Educational Objectives and Philosophies of Prairie View
- 3. Post Graduate Medical Clinic
- 4. Dining Hall Operations

#### D. Present Assignment

On leave to direct the planning for the erection of a School of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee involving an expenditure of \$750,000; also, to build a course of study, select a faculty and student body for the same.

We have known and worked with Dr E B Evans for twenty years. It is our candid and honest opinion that the Board of Directors acted wisely when this selection was made. He is prepared for the position in training, experience and personality traits. He did not seek the position; the position sought him. We believe that he has qualities of a real administrator. A real administrator is not a man who gets things done merely because of his power, his title or his authority, but rather a man who gets things done because the richness of his life and the quality of his personality command rather than demand the respect and cooperation of his entire staff personnel and the community at large. Dr Evans comes to Prairie View at the period of high tide and the greatest expansion in its history. He will find an educational program going which he helped to formulate; a capable and loyal faculty; and, a fine student body, all working toward one common objective - a Greater Prairie View and a Greater Service for the State.

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P S: Meeting the usual time and place. WRB