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A CALENDAR -

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| (a) English, Library and Science Workshops | June 3-July 6 |
| (b) Veterans Orientation Program | June 5-6 |
| (c) Conference of Home Economics Teachers | June 10-12 |
| (d) Conference on Resource Education | June 21 |
| (e) Open Tennis Tournament | June 21-23 |

B VISITING CONSULTANTS, PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTORS -

A number of outstanding visiting Consultants, Professors and Instructors will be connected with the Summer School in various capacities. We are pleased to announce that the services of the following people have been secured:

- Dr E E Lee, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri - Education
- Dr F A Jackson, Morgan College, Baltimore, Maryland - Economics
- Professor A A Dunson, Lincoln University, Missouri - Languages
- Professor Marian Gardiner, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Home Economics
- Miss Ella Montgomery, Dallas, Texas - Home Economics
- Mrs Rose E Wallace, Tennessee State College, Nashville - Home Economics
- Miss Jenelsie Walden, Atlanta, Georgia - Art Education
- Miss Delores Hines, North Carolina College for Negroes - Physical Education
- Miss Opel Christopher, Tyler, Texas - Sociology
- Miss M K Bradford, Alcorn College, Mississippi - Home Economics
- Mrs Theola Davis, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Business
- Mrs P D Crosby, Prentiss Institute, Mississippi - Business
- Mrs Eessie Randall, Tyler, Texas - Library
- Dr Lou LaBrant, New York University, New York - Workshop Consultant
- Dr S M Kobritt, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia - Workshop Consultant
- Dr Gordon Worley, State Department of Education, Texas, - Workshop Consultant
- Mrs Hazel Harvey - Peace, Fort Worth, Texas - Workshop Consultant

C SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT -

The Summer School enrollment has taken a surprisingly upward swing. The last report disclosed there were over 1100 undergraduate, graduate and veteran students. It seems this Summer School will be the largest in the history of the institution. Again we shall be troubled with housing as in the Regular Session.

D VETERANS -

Upward of one hundred new veteran enrollees have been permitted to take courses from Trades to Graduate Study in the Summer School. It is estimated that over 350 veterans will be in this period of the Summer School. One of the institution's chief problems is to find sufficient housing for veterans and particularly those who are married. The Federal Housing Authority has allocated to Prairie View housing units to take care of 300 additional single veterans and 40 married veterans. With these additional housing facilities the University will be able to accommodate approximately 700 veteran students.

E THE COMMENCEMENT -

The activities in connection with the Commencement, which was observed on May 18 and 19, were very satisfactory. Dr Mordecai W Johnson of Howard University, Washington, D C was at his best as the guest speaker for the occasion. In spite of a threatening storm more than 2400 people filled the auditorium, coming from many miles to witness the Commencement exercises. In this connection, it would be well to mention the fact that approximately 700 parents came to celebrate with us the Annual Parents' Day at Prairie View.

F ALUMNI -

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association on May 18 was an occasion that brought to the campus a great many graduates and ex-students. The Class of 1936 was represented by a large number of members who returned to the "old stomping ground" under the sponsorship of Mr L E Perkins and a surprisingly large number of the members of the Class of 1926 returned under the sponsorship of Mr B T W Brembrly, a graduate student. The program for the day was full and interesting. The new officers for the next year will be:

President	R W Hilliard
First Vice President	Mrs Jesse Robertson
Second Vice President	I B Kemp
Executive Secretary	A C Herald
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs Lula White
Treasurer	R T Tatum
Chaplain	William Batts
Pianist	Miss Mable Kilpatrick
Parliamentarian	A W McDonald
Sergeant at Arms	D W Martin

The day was stimulated by the presence of Major A C Herald, Jr who not only served with marked distinction in the Armed Forces, but he is the highest ranking officer that Prairie View had in service.

G THE MARY GIBBS JONES SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT -

We are happy to announce that Mr and Mrs Jesse Jones, Houston, Texas have made available to Prairie View an Endowment Scholarship in the sum of \$25,000 to be used to encourage promising young women in the field of Home Economics. We are deeply grateful to Mr and Mrs Jones for this evidence of their abiding interest in the progress of our people as expressed in this endowment. It will be remembered that Mr Jones was, for a number of years, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and more recently Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D C. Both positions he filled with distinction. We are attaching hereto Mr Jones's announcement of his intention which we believe the readers will be glad to see.

H LIGHTS -

The physical expansion of the University has greatly over-taxed our electrical output and, in consequence, we are having considerable difficulty in supplying sufficient energy for lighting and power purposes. All users of electricity on the campus can help us relieve this situation if they will read and put in practice the suggestions made by Mr C L Wilson in his letter of May 17 which is attached to this News Letter. During the next fiscal year we shall install another electrical unit that will cost upward of \$50,000 but this will not be finished until sometime early in 1947. Therefore, it is important that we all cooperate in helping to conserve our electrical power. Please do this!

I AND FINALLY -

I want to leave with you the words that I am taking from the University Weekly Calendar for June 3-8.

"BE STRONG

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift.
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis God's gift.

BE STRONG

Say not the days are evil and fold thy hands and acquiesce.
O shame! Who's to blame?
Stand up, speak out and bravely, in God's name."

— Maltbie T Babcock —

I am

W. R. Banks, President
Prairie View University
Prairie View, Texas

Yours truly,

W R Banks
W R Banks
Principal

WRB:c
Attachments

HOUSTON ENDOWMENT INC.
P O Box 1414

Houston 1, Texas
May 30, 1946

Dear Dr Banks:

Confirming our conversation, I am authorized by the Trustees of Houston Endowment Inc. to advise you that Houston Endowment Inc. is prepared to make available to Prairie View University \$2500 a year for a period of ten years for the creation and maintenance of scholarships for deserving Negro girls who want to specialize in Home Economics at Prairie View. A condition of the award by Houston Endowment Inc. will be that appropriate procedure will be established for awarding these scholarships to girls who want to major in Home Economics and who otherwise would not be able to do so, and to properly supervise expenditures of the funds.

You explained to us that from \$200 to \$300 a year should, upon the average, be sufficient for a scholarship as some of the girls would either be in a position to contribute something toward their expenses from family connections or by working.

It is our intention that graduates from these scholarships should not be required to pay any part of the funds advanced for their education, but procedure should be established so that any who volunteer to pay any part of the advances for their account could do so. Any such payments should be added to our contribution to the scholarship fund.

If the enterprise proves of sufficient value, we should hope to be able to add something to the scholarship fund, or to extend the time beyond 10 years.

Mrs Jones and I have long been interested in Prairie View and she is particularly interested in girls who want to equip themselves for useful citizenship in the field of Home Economics. Therefore, the scholarships should be designated "Mary Gibbs Jones Scholarships."

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Jesse H Jones

Dr. W. R. Banks, President
Prairie View University
Prairie View, Texas

PRAIRIE VIEW UNIVERSITY
Prairie View, Texas

Office of the Director
Division of Mechanic Arts

May 17, 1946

Principal W R Banks
Campus

Dear Sir:

The demand for electricity on the campus has grown to the point where the generating facilities at the Steam Plant are taxed almost to the breaking point. Relief in the form of a new turbine is fully eighteen months away. In view of this fact, the consumers of electricity at Prairie View are urged to economize on the use of electrical energy as much as possible. They can help tremendously if they will observe the following points:

1. Cut off each light, machine, or appliance the minute it ceases to serve a useful purpose.
2. See to it that no lights, machines, or appliances are permitted to be turned on when not in use.
3. Keep electric refrigerators properly defrosted and repaired so as to cut down the running time to a minimum.
4. Adjust the illumination of areas to the minimum required in that area. In many instances, several lights are permitted to burn in a room when one or two lights in a small area would satisfy the need.

The above request for conservation of electrical energy is necessary in order for us to maintain the supply of electricity until new generating equipment is installed. Furthermore, several hundred dollars will be saved each year by the institution if the persons on the campus will observe the above suggestions.

I am

Yours truly,
/s/ C L Wilson
C L Wilson
Director

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