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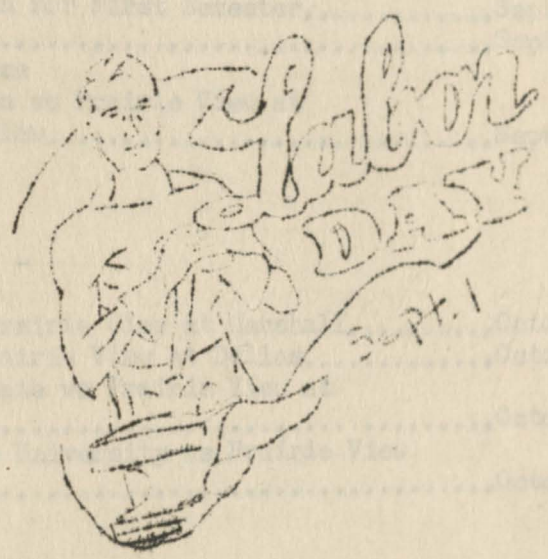
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NUMBER 1

I. CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER

1. Annual Faculty Orientation Program.....September 3-4
Theme: The World Situation and Its
Implications for Education
2. Freshman Orientation.....September 8-11
3. Registration for First Semester.....September 12-13
4. Class Work.....September 15
5. Football Game
Sam Huston vs Prairie View at
Prairie View.....September 27

II. OCTOBER -

A. FOOTBALL GAMES -

1. Bishop vs Prairie View at Marshall.....October 4
2. Wiley vs Prairie View at Dallas.....October 13
3. Arkansas State vs Prairie View at
Pine Bluff.....October 25
4. Texas State University vs Prairie View
at Houston.....October 31

III. ENROLLMENT -

The reports coming from the Registrar's Office indicate that Prairie View is faced with an unprecedented number of applications for this Regular Session. The fact that upward of 1,500 applications were made for the Freshman Class alone, gives some indications of the gravity of the enrollment situation. Already, the Institution has given 1,800 students permission to enroll, and there are hundreds of applications still being received. Unfortunately, the shortage of dormitory space prevents Prairie View from having an over-all enrollment of 3,000 students.

IV. FACULTY PERSONNEL -

The work for the next year will go forward with a strong faculty for upward of 1,800 students who have been granted permission to enroll. It is not possible at this time to give the names and fields of instruction of staff members, but this will be done in the October News Letter. Due to the very great pressure upon tax supported

institutions. to qualify their respective states. in providing equal educational opportunities for Colored Citizens, placed a great demand for trained teachers in specialized fields. This demand has been so keen that, here and there, the practice of "Faculty Raiding" has been too prevalent. It is reasonable to predict that due to the upsurge of the enrollment of Negro students, in large Institutions, will make available in the very near future, an ample supply -- if not an over supply -- of competently trained people for our Institutions.

V. ALLEN E. NORTON -

In 1930, Allen E. Norton, Houston, Texas, was graduated from Prairie View State Agricultural and Mechanical College. He spent 2 years at Fisk University in the field of History and 1 year at The University of Southern California in the Field of Social Sciences. He holds his Bachelor of Science Degree from Prairie View, Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fisk University and Master of Arts Degree from The University of Southern California, and has done considerable work on his Doctor's Degree. For several years, he has been the Dean of The Houston College for Negroes, Houston, Texas. In taking over this Institution, by the State of Texas, organizing The Texas State University for Negroes, Professor Norton was elected Acting President, to serve until such time as a permanent President would be elected. Prairie View is happy over this choice of one of her sons to head such an important educational movement; and, in consequence, Prairie View shall be happy to cooperate fully with this new enterprise. We predict for Professor Norton, a successful and fruitful administration.

VI. DR. JESSE W. HODGES -

Prairie View has been fortunate in securing the efficient services of one of her sons, as the Director of Health Education, in the person of Dr. Jesse Hodges, Class of 1941.

After finishing Prairie View, Dr. Hodges was Principal of the Negro High School at Lampasas, Texas, and went from there to Meharry Medical College, finishing the Medical Course in scheduled time with a very commendable record in scholarship. He spent one year as an Interne in a large hospital in New York City, and specialized in the field of Surgery. Dr. Hodges comes to us with a fine and solid background, fortified with splendid training and experience for the assignment at Prairie View.

VII. STUDY THIS SUMMER -

The following members of the Prairie View Staff were away during the past summer for study:

1. Mr. Thos. L. Holley, Colorado State College, Fort Collins, Colorado. Mr. Holley was awarded his Master's degree at the close of the summer. Congratulations, Mr. Holley.
2. Miss A. C. Preston, at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

3. Miss Dorothy Burdine, at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado,
4. Professor John H. Windom, at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana,
5. Professor A. C. Herold, Jr., University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California,
6. Professor Malcolm A. Davis, New York University, New York City.
7. Miss Jenelsie Walden, New York Art Institute, New York
8. Mr. C. H. Nicholas, Chicago University, Chicago, Illinois

VIII. AWAY TO STUDY -

We are happy to announce that the following members of the staff will continue their training this regular session:

1. Miss Anna L. Campbell, English, New York University, New York
2. Mr. Edwin A. Sheen, English, Chicago University, Chicago, Illinois
3. Mr. Alfred Van Irving, Physics, Illinois University, Urbana, Illinois
4. Mr. Charles H. Nicholas, Biology, Chicago University, Chicago, Illinois
5. Mr. William L. Watson, Landscape Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
6. Mr. J. J. Woods, Poultry Husbandry, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas
7. Professor E. G. High, Chemistry, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

It is our sincere wish that these people will have a successful and happy year at work.

IX. ROADS AND STREETS -

Ex-Governor Coke Stevenson, before the expiration of his term as Governor of Texas, was instrumental in having the Highway Department to improve the streets and roads in and around Prairie View State Agricultural and Mechanical College. We are happy to announce that this work is now about completed, greatly improving the driveways on the Campus of the Institution. We are under many obligations to Ex-Governor Stevenson for this fine expression of his interest in the work of the Institution.

X. SURPLUS PROPERTY -

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Fortunately, Prairie View has been beneficiary of large quantities of supplies and equipment from the Federal Government Surplus Property Consignment, as well as five temporary buildings. The buildings will be used as follows:

1. Recreation Hall, for students and faculty. This Hall will be well equipped with everything relating to the purpose for which it is designed. There are several rooms for conferences, a large Auditorium for gatherings and dancing, Snack Bar, Lounges, and Reading Rooms.
2. Science Hall
3. Warehouse
4. Mechanic Arts Annex
5. Rural Engineering Building

XI. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING -

The new Administration Building, which will cost for construction and equipment \$350,000, will be erected across the street, in front of The W. R. Banks Library Building. The plans are now being drawn, and the contract will be let early in October. This Building will house most of the principal offices, and will have every modern appointment. It is the hope that this Building will be ready for occupancy June 1, 1947.

XII. ATHLETIC FIELD -

The new Administration Building will be located near the site of the present Grandstand in the Athletic Field. The Athletic Field will be moved to an appropriate place West of the present Gymnasium. Bids have been accepted for the construction of the Field and within the next few weeks we shall have a new Athletic Field with such conveniences as Grandstand, Club House, Football Field, Baseball Diamond, Cinder Tracks and Tennis Courts.

XIII. THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR NEGROES-

In an attempt to meet the demands for Equal Educational Opportunities for Texas Negro citizens, the Fiftieth Legislature appropriated \$3,500,000 for the beginning of the construction and operation of The Texas State University for Negroes. It further authorized the Board of Directors to contract with the Board of Trustees of the Houston College for Negroes; this Institution, beginning September 1, will become the nucleus for the new University. The Law further provides for a Board of Directors, to be composed of nine members - - five White and four Colored. The White Members are:

1. Mr. Craig F. Cullinan, Chairman; Houston Oil Man
2. Judge J. K. Brim, Sulphur Springs, Texas; Lawyer and Banker
3. Mr. Major Bell, Beaumont, Texas; Lawyer
4. Dr. J. N. R. Score, President Georgetown University, Georgetown, Texas
5. Mr. Charles K. Devall, Kilgore, Texas; Publisher

The Negro Members are:

1. Dr. M. L. Edwards, Secretary, Hawkins, Texas
2. Mr. Ben Morgan, Corsicana, Texas; Business Man
3. Rev. I. B. Loul, San Antonio, Texas; Minister
4. Mr. W. R. Ranks, Vice-Chairman; Prairie View State Agricultural and Mechanical College

Prairie View wishes to sincerely welcome the new Institution and pledges every effort in cooperation with its program to the extent that it will fulfill the purpose and objective for which it was established.

XIV. AND FINALLY -

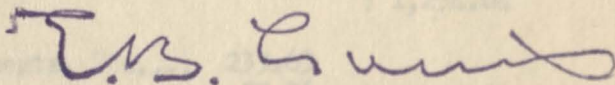
Those of us who are privileged to be engaged in this remarkable enterprise, Prairie View State Agricultural and Mechanical College, face a most challenging Opportunity for rendering services in a time of great stress, strain and confusion. There will be times when our progress and achievements may be questioned, but we want to rest in the satisfaction of the fact that we have done our Best.

Permit me to leave with you this sentiment, expressed in these words --

"If this Country values its own future,
It must awaken to the power of the greatest force
In the World -- EDUCATION"

I am

Yours truly,



E. B. Evans, Principal

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ANNUAL STATEMENT
 PRAIRIE VIEW COMMUNITY CHEST
 Prairie View, Texas

August 31, 1947

A. Income - September 1, 1946 to August 31, 1947 \$ 1,240.53

1.	Balance forward September 1, 1946,.....	\$ 272.51
2.	Administration,.....	19.81
3.	Agriculture,.....	54.73
4.	Arts and Sciences,.....	179.66
5.	Health,.....	15.25
6.	Home Economics,.....	35.82
7.	Mechanic Arts,.....	170.30
8.	Library,.....	28.02
9.	Business Office,.....	55.46
10.	Exchange,.....	5.00
11.	Dining Hall,.....	46.00
12.	Extension Service,.....	2.00
13.	Military Science,.....	32.50
14.	Registrar's Office,.....	10.87
15.	Personnel,.....	8.85
16.	Veterans Affairs,.....	3.75
17.	Other Income,.....	300.00
	TOTAL	\$1,240.53

B. Expenditures \$ 1,234.04

1.	Speakers, Ministers, Entertainments, Etc,....	233.63
2.	Floral Spray,.....	57.76
3.	Police Service,.....	20.00
4.	Public Relations,.....	117.18
5.	Expenses - Funeral Representation.....	55.47
6.	Contributions,.....	250.00
7.	Pro Rata Constitutional Building Amendment Expense,.....	500.00
	TOTAL	\$1,234.04

Balance on Hand August 31, 1947..... \$ 6.49