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# PRAIRIE VIEW RELAYS, APRIL 1-2

## 'Special' Education Band Festival Has Biggest Year To Be Offered

Among its several "Special" curriculums, Prairie View A. & M. College will offer courses in Special Education during the summer session which will be held, June 6-August 27.

Dr. Marcus Boulware, visiting lecturer, will give instruction in speech correction, lip reading, speech disorders and other areas of speech therapy.

Several workshops have been arranged for teachers of mathematics, science, health, and other fields.

Regular course offerings will be available for graduate and undergraduate students, in-service teachers and administrators.

## Forty-four Receive Mid-Year Degrees

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O., Dallas; Tolbert, Gilbert D., Galveston; Washington, Dolores, Port Arthur.

Cleatrice O. Tillis, of Dallas, with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Business Administration was the honor student among the graduates.

All persons receiving either the Master's or Bachelor's degrees were residents of the state of Texas.

Because mid-term graduation convocations are not held, the 44 recipients will have their degrees officially conferred at the May 15, commencement exercises.

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## Band Festival Has Biggest Year

Colorful uniforms, marching formations, clashing cymbals and symphonic sounds were very much in evidence Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12 at Prairie View A. & M. College.

The State Interscholastic Band Festival was the occasion which attracted 49 bands and approximately 2,200 boys and girls representing schools from all sections of the state.

Receiving first place in both concert and marching were the following: Class AAA—I. M. Terrell, Fort Worth (H. L. King, principal; G. A. Baxter, band director); Class AA—Weldon High, Gladewater (Garfield Hill, principal; Richard Blick, band director); Class A—North Chapel, Kilgore (N. R. Hamilton, principal; T. J. Hill, band director).

Each of the three schools received a "Special Award Plaque" for the standard of excellence demonstrated in both competitions.

Placing first in concert only were: Class AA—Turner High School, Carthage (Arzie Sanders, principal; J. W. McCauley, band

## P. H. Stone Named For Federal Post

P. H. Stone, state supervisor of Negro agricultural extension work in Georgia, was named this week by Extension Administrator Clarence M. Ferguson to succeed the late John W. Mitchell as a member of the Federal Extension Service staff. The veteran agricultural leader will assume his duties in Washington about April 15.

In his new post, Mr. Stone will serve as assistant to the Assistant Administrator—Programs of the Federal Extension Service. His duties will include assisting in developing extension programs and working with State Extension Services.

## Top Track and Field Participants Expected

The Prairie View Relays set for April 1 and 2, will again attract the nation's top Negro stars representing scores of colleges and universities. The University of Illinois may also enter its relay team in the Twenty-third edition of this big event.

The usual Tennis Tournament which is held concurrently, is planned and in addition, the college plans its first golf tournament for the same time.

The famed relay—with Prairie View records—include the 440 (41.1), 880 (1:28), the C. H. Waller Memorial one mile (3:33.5), and the two mile (8:2.6).

Other track and field activities will include the 440-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 120-yard high hurdles, broad jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, javelin throw and discus throw.

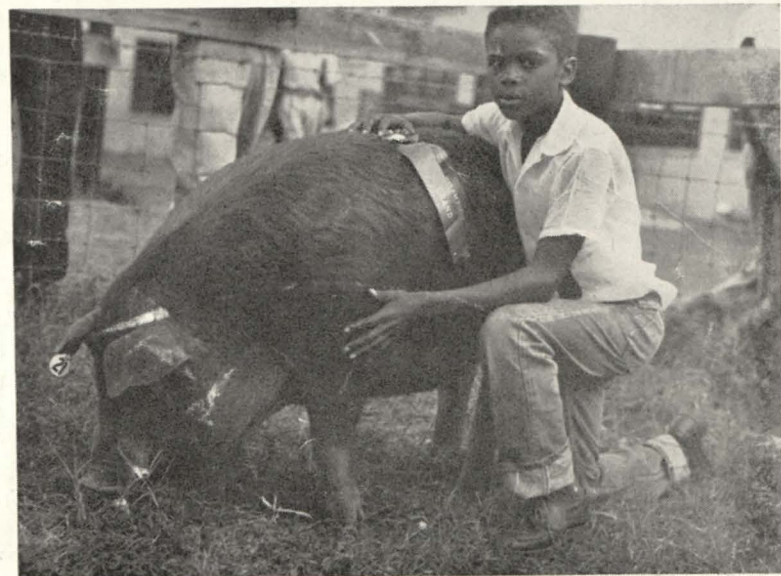
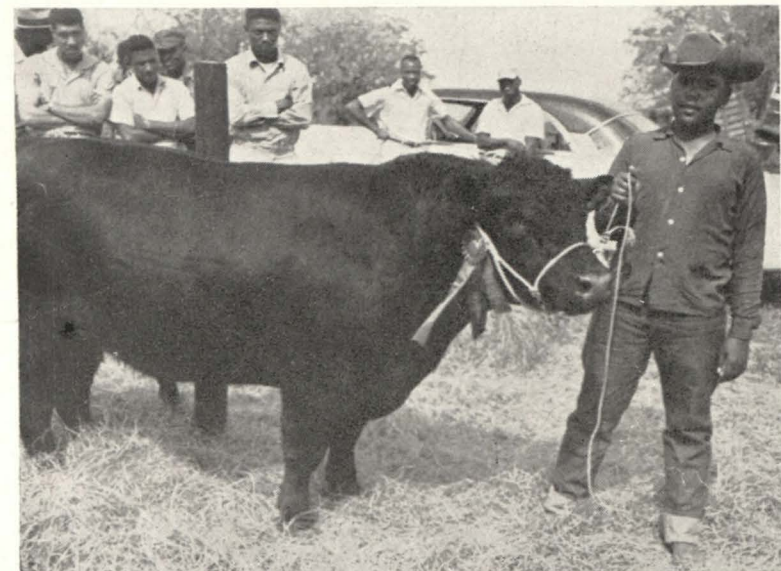
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## Second Exposition Is Quite Successful

Prairie View A. & M. College's second annual Agricultural Exposition held March 18 and 19, was "even more successful than we had anticipated," stated J. C. Williams, acting dean of the School of Agriculture.

Displays of livestock—several valued in excess of \$15,000; canned foods, clothing, furniture, poultry, cuts of meats and needle work filled the showrooms to capacity.

"Places" were awarded winners in the several categories. (Pictures of ribbon-winning calf and hog appear below.)



At the second Agricultural Exposition, held recently, Otis Collins, Schulenberg, won a "first place" ribbon for his prize hog; Leo D. Davis, Juliff, Texas, "walked away" with a "first" because of his obviously fine cow. (Scientific names have been omitted, with apologies.)

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# THE PRAIRIE VIEW STANDARD

## HOUSING CONFERENCE, MAY 6-7, 1955

### Commissioner Edgar Speaks At Education Conference

Speaking to the approximately 2000 visiting Negro public school administrators, supervisors and classroom teachers in attendance at the 26th annual Education Conference at Prairie View A. & M. College, on March 4, Dr. J. W. Edgar, State Commissioner of Education, referred to July 1953, when "the State Board of Education authorized a study of our state-wide educational program."

Commissioner Edgar, Conference keynote speaker, listed the goals of the Minimum Foundation Program in connection with the theme of the meeting: "The Ideal Product of the Texas Public Schools."

Dr. Roy Hall, Director of the CPEA, University of Texas, at Austin, was leader for the symposium composed of Dr. John E. Codwell, principal, Phillis Wheatley High School, Houston; Dr. Frank Hubert, director, Division of Standards, Texas Education Agency, and Dr. Mortimer Brown, superintendent, El Paso Independent School District.

The respective symposium speakers used three topics: "(1) Factors Relative to the Achievement of Minimum Foundation Goals; (2) Progress To Date in Achieving

Minimum Foundation Goals; (3) Deficit Features of the Minimum Foundation Program."

President of Prairie View, Dr. E. B. Evans, in extending a welcome to the Conference stated that "the Minimum Foundation Program has contributed much to the education of our boys and girls in this State."

Questions and discussion leader was Dr. W. R. Banks, president emeritus of Prairie View.

O. J. Thomas, Director of Interscholastic League and Prairie View Placement Office, presided. Dean of the Chapel, Lee C. Phillip, gave the invocation, music was furnished by the College Choir under the direction of Dr. R. von Charlton, head of the Music Department; and Tallie Mozee, voice instructor; Hampton Z. Barker, organist.

### College Organist Renders Recital

Hampton Z. Barker, a member of the Prairie View faculty and college organist, performed brilliantly in concert at the Mt. Vernon Methodist church, Houston, recently.

Presented by the San Jacinto chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Mr. Barker, displayed skill and top musical sensitivity in the rendition of works of the Baroque, Romantic, and Modern periods.

The organist is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and prior to his joining the college staff last September, had established his recital ability at Fisk and Columbia Universities.

Scores of the recitalist's Prairie View colleagues were present to lend moral support and to "drink deeply of his fountain of musical pourings out."

### English Institute Attracts Many

"The education of the young is a complex thing. We must rethink our basic educational philosophy, and refine our basic advances," stated Dr. Blyden S. Jackson, head, Department of English, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

As keynote speaker at the Second Annual English Institute, here, Dr. Jackson set the tone of the theme, "The Teacher — The Taught — The Material."

Approximately 200 registrants—teachers of English in schools throughout the State—braved exceptionally cold weather to discuss problems, exchange ideas and receive information on "the Language Arts" during the one-day meeting.

Visiting consultants were: Mrs. E. S. Thompson, Professor of Education, University of Houston;

### Practical Theme Is Chosen

"Trends In Home Financing and Construction" will be the central theme of discussion at the eighth annual Housing Conference scheduled May 6-7 at Prairie View A. & M. College.

Aiming at improving housing conditions for Negroes in Texas and the Southwest region, Prairie View's annual conferences have emphasized the social values involved and furnished detailed information concerning ways and means of obtaining better housing. The various programs have pointed up methods of securing finance, construction details, home planning and many other aspects of housing. The part housing plays in family and community health and its role in general community development will be a major feature of the sessions.

Representatives of federal and private housing, banking, and loan-construction and other agencies interested in the program of housing improvement will serve as consultants at the conference. These will include several experts from all parts of the nation, C. L. Wilson, dean of the Prairie View School of Engineering said. Mr. Wilson is chairman of a large committee at the college which is responsible for this annual program.

Miss Esther Eby, Professor of Speech, University of Houston; Mrs. E. P. Mohle, High School Section Committee, National Council of Teachers of English, Houston; and Dr. Karl Elmquist, chairman, Remedial English, Texas A. and M. College, College Station.

President E. B. Evans in extending a welcome to the guests

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### Nurses 'Capping' Set For May First

The second annual "capping" ceremonies for Prairie View student nurses will be held in the Auditorium - Gymnasium, Sunday evening, May 1st.

According to Mrs. M. S. Brannon, Dean of the Division of Nursing Education, "a large number of visiting nurses and other guests are expected to attend the ceremony."

The Nurses Alumnae meeting is scheduled, Saturday, April 30.



Major F. M. Christmas, PMS&T, crowned Earnestine Craft, Senior Home Economics Major, as "Miss ROTC," at the Cadets Ball held recently.



### Prominent Men of Business To Lead 2nd Annual Clinic

Two outstanding business personalities will appear on the program of the second annual Business Clinic to be held April 11.

They are: T. M. Alexander, president, Alexander and Company, Atlanta, Georgia, and E. Frederic Morrow, Adviser on Business Affairs, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

According to A. S. Arnold head, Department of Business Administration (sponsoring department and host), "the purposes of the meeting are: (1) to help businessmen understand more about sound policies and principles of business enterprise, (2) to provide resource materials and current literature in the field of business, and (3) to provide specialized information about various aspects of business administration."

From 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. an interesting program has been planned.

Another of the highlights of the Clinic will be the film-showing of "The Negro Market."

### Fine Arts Week Set For April 24-30

Music, drama, literature, the dance, and combinations of all these will keep the Prairie View community in a happy state of mind during Fine Arts Week, scheduled April 24-30.

Performances by the Women's Glee Club, the rendition of "Porgy and Bess"; the display of art works, senior music recitals and dramatic productions will be presented, beginning Sunday.

The general public is invited to attend all the activities.



G. L. Smith (center) is shown being congratulated by Dr. W. R. Banks, president emeritus, while J. R. Powell, Agricultural Teacher-Trainer, looks on approvingly.

The occasion—a smoker—honored Mr. Smith who is now on leave to serve as Chief Advisor for Prairie View-Liberia Project sponsored by the Foreign Operations Administration in cooperation with the college and the West African nation.

—Ward Photo

### Prairie View-Liberia Project Is Started

Prairie View A. & M. College initiated its program of cooperation with Liberia, recently as the college's chief advisor for the Project, G. L. Smith, arrived at the West African Republic. Funds have now been established here for the administration of the program.

Mr. Smith, Dean of the School of Agriculture at Prairie View, left for Washington, D. C., on March 6 where he spent several days in orientation before taking his post in Liberia. The program is under the sponsorship of the Foreign Operations Administration which has made available \$1,654,000 to help Liberia improve its educational program.

Administrative machinery has been set up at the college to implement the program. Dr. T. R. Solomon, director of Student Life, has been named project manager, and David L. Stratman was recently hired to serve as a full-time assistant director. Mr. Stratman, a native of Southport, N. C., has served previously in Liberia, and was a recent student at the University of Michigan. The backstopping office here for the mission to Liberia has the responsibility of personnel, supply, and finance

Mr. Smith's immediate job will be that of establishing headquarters and making necessary arrange-

ments for technicians who will soon follow.

Prairie View personnel will work with the Booker Washington Memorial Institute in Liberia, in developing training courses in construction trades, metal trades, motor mechanics, arts, handicrafts, agricultural education, and clerical and secretarial work.

During the first year of the program, Prairie View will send Mr. Smith six assistants, and later on, other technicians are scheduled to serve in welding, machine shop, sheet metal, blacksmithing, motor mechanics, maintenance and repair of heavy equipment, ceramics, carving, leathercraft, art metal, weaving, crops and soils, animal industries, agricultural education, clerical and special services.

Chief adviser Smith has been on the staff at Prairie View since 1931. He has headed the college's agricultural program for the past 16 years. In preparing for his extended leave from the campus, the college faculty toasted the outgoing dean at a smoker in his honor. The Southwestern Athletic Conference presented a wrist watch to Mr. Smith for his long years of service as conference secretary.

### Science Confer'ce Convenes May 7th

The Division of Natural Sciences of Prairie View A. & M. College will sponsor its first Science Conference for elementary and high school teachers throughout the State on May 7.

According to C. H. Nicholas, general chairman of the arrangements, the purposes of the meeting are: (1) to stimulate greater interest in science teaching among elementary and secondary school science teachers; (2) give these teachers opportunity to see and hear about latest developments in the field of science; and (3) to give them the opportunity to discuss their problems with the Prairie View faculty, outstanding consultants, and with each other.

The one-day meeting is expected to attract several hundred interested persons.

Dr. E. E. O'Banion heads the Division of Natural Sciences.



J. C. Williams, professor of Animal Husbandry, will serve as Acting Dean of the School of Agriculture during G. L. Smith's leave from the campus. Mr. Williams has been Superintendent of Agricultural Experiment Sub-Station No. 18 for several years.

### Student Nurse Is Candidate

Ollie Mae Rhodes, senior nursing student, is Prairie View's candidate for the title: "Nursing Student of the Year."

The title-bestowing competitions are being sponsored by the District 9, Texas Nurses Association.

A banquet held in the Red Room of the Cullen Building (Nurses Home, Memorial Hospital, Houston), on March 23, honored the candidates from: Central College, University of Houston; St. Joseph's School of Nursing; Jefferson Davis Hospital; and Prairie View.

On April 7, over KGUL (TV) Galveston, at 4:00 P.M., and again at 3:30 P.M., April 8, over KPRC (TV) Houston, the candidates will be interviewed and the general public will have opportunity to see each of the competing nurses.

### Pen And Pounders Observe Fifth Founder's Day

Members of the Prairie View Pen and Pounders Club, female office personnel, observed their fifth Founder's Day, March 11, with an Employee-Employer Banquet in the College Cafeteria.

Reputed to be the first occasion of its kind, the organization's birthday was a big success.

Dr. J. Mason Brewer, chairman, Division of Literature and Languages, Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, was the guest speaker.

Dr. Brewer is acclaimed America's most distinguished Negro folklorist. He became the first Negro to be elected an officer of the American Folklore Society in its sixty-six years of existence. His address was delivered in rhyme around the subject, "Employer-Employee Relations."

In verse, singing, and ad-libbing, the Pen and Pounders displayed special esthetic talent.

The affair was climaxed with remarks by President E. B. Evans, which, according to the members of the club, served as "a source of encouragement for future undertakings by the organization."

Sponsor of the organization is Mrs. O. C. Brown; Veida N. Williamson is president; Maurice Carter, vice-president, Annie Anderson, reporter.

### English Institute Attracts Many

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stated, "Reading and writing — basic language arts, also — are a two-way responsibility. Teachers alone, cannot do the whole job; parents must help."



FUTURE E. B. EVANS TROOP MEMBERS are these Cub Scouts, Pack 141, who held a celebration of the 45th anniversary of Boy Scouts, recently.

1st Row (L to R) — Robert McMillan, Samuel McMillan, Charles O'Banion, Lemmon McMillan, Horace Murdock, John Simmons, Isiah Anderson.

2d Row (L to R)—Harry Kent Broughton, Haney Mosley, Robert Fields, Ashland Brown, William H. Stickney, Robert Bennett.

3d Row (L to R) — Clifford Ward, Nolan Ward, Walter Bennett, Theodore Johnson, Marshall Brown Jr., Scout Leader.

—Ward Photo

### College Choir In Easter Cantata

The Prairie View A. & M. College Choir will make its annual appearance at the Antioch Baptist Church, Houston, on Palm Sunday, April 3.

The 70-voice group will render a traditional Easter Cantata under the direction of Dr. R. von Charlton, head of the Department of Music, and Tallie Mozee, assistant minister of music, and voice instructor.

Organist for the College Choir is Hampton Z. Barker, a member of the music department staff and

of the American Guild of Organists.

Familiar to many Texans through their radio broadcasts weekly over stations KPRC and KCOH, the musical aggregation has also appeared in concerts in Tyler, Navasota, College Station, Terrell, Mt. Vernon, San Antonio, Rosenberg and Port Arthur.

Included in the group's repertoire are compositions, both serious and light, written by past and contemporary composers.

President of the Prairie View Choir is Davetta Callies, senior music student, from Houston.

### Forty-four Receive Mid-Year Degrees

According to the Registrar, the following persons were graduated from Prairie View, at the close of the First Term (January), of the current school year:

Master's degrees were received by:

Barrett, Helen Jewel, Waco; Booth, Ada B., Center; Collins, Alvin L., Coolidge; Collins, Harold, Clarksville; Elmore, Pauline C., Bellville; Evans, Walter D., Marlin; McGee, Lenora G., Seguin; Montena, Myrtle L., Calvert; Preston, Oda V., Nacogdoches; Ross, Exia I. C., Corsicana; Smith, Lucinda C., Jacksonville; Washington, Tommie L., Marlin; Williams, Lenora R., Palestine.

Bachelor's degrees were received by:

Barrett, Johnnie W., Longview; Brown, Beuford H., James; Brown, Regent H., Houston; Burnham, Faye F., Newton; Carter, Stone-wall, Ft. Worth; Daughtry, Sammie Jean, Dallas; Donley, Cleopatra, San Angelo; Donnell, Lucy Lee, Streetman; Evans, Ada Marie, Floydada; Fisher, Marjorie L., Highbank; Gibson, Trolius, Calvert; Gipson, Darnell, Faye Rene, Forney; Henson, Verne Ruth, Overton; Jameson, Prudie, Brenham; Johnson, Jackie, San Antonio; Lockwood, Helen T., Port Arthur; Love, Mary F., Linden; McDonald, Clinton C., Prairie View; Nunn Oma J. R., Pittsburg; Powell, Norene B., Beaumont; Rickett, Jean F., Beaumont; Robinson, Howard C., Beaumont; Sims, Goretta, La Porte; Sparks, Alice E., Tyler; Steward, Belvin B.; San Antonio; Thomas, Alice, Malakoff; Thomas, June, Ft. Worth; Thomas, Rosa Lee; Dallas; Tillis, Cleatrice

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Broad smiles adorn faces of members of Les Belle Lettres Cultural Club. They posed during an Art Exhibit sponsored by the organization, recently.

Members (from L to R): Davetta Callies, Jimmie Phillip, Billie McCowan, Ethel Stanton (President), Geraldine Booker, Gwendolyn McCoy, Ida Brown, Vivian James, Robbie Gee, Dorothy Singleton, Opal Bolden, Yvonne Ransom, and Sam Ella Henderson.

Seated in the foreground are the sponsors: Ella W. Cullins, Music Department; and Pearl Sewell, Education (Art) Department.

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