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A. CALENDAR -

December - 1947

1. Association of Negro Colleges and Secondary Schools.....December 3 - 5
2. Annual Faculty Entertainment.....December 3
3. "Y" Leadership Institute.....December 12-14
Dr. Vernon Johns, Virginia, Discussion
Leader
4. Closing Class Work for Christmas Holidays (Noon).....December 20
5. Opening Class Work following Christmas Holidays
1:00 P. M.....January 2

B. JANUARY 1, 1948 FOOTBALL GAME -

It has been the custom, nearly two decades, for the Panthers to play a game of football in Houston, Texas on New Year's Day, with some team having a National reputation in athletics. We are pleased to announce that this annual game will be played as scheduled, but at the moment, we have not been able to settle on the opponent. Just as soon as arrangements are completed, this information will be promptly and properly released.

C. PANTHERS -

The Prairie View Panthers will play their last Conference game of football at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Saturday, November 29. The outcome of this game is difficult to predict because of the record of the two teams this year. However, it is safe to conclude that the Panthers will give a good account of themselves and reflect glory and honor upon the Traditions of the Institution. At this point we wish to compliment the Coaches, Panthers, Students and Friends for the fine team work during the Football Season. We are proud of the Panthers!

D. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS COMING -

The Association of Negro Colleges and Secondary Schools will bring to our campus, December 3-5, 1947, delegates representing the highest type of Educational Leadership. Plans are going forward locally, looking toward making this one of the outstanding activities to be held at Prairie View this year. We want to urge every person here, both employees and students, to be a Committee of One in seeing that "no stones are left unturned" in making our visitors' stay, both pleasant and profitable. In the delegation we are to have Presidents and Deans of our leading colleges, Principals of high schools throughout the country, Representatives of the United States Department of Education and other National Organizations.

E. FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT -

The Annual Faculty Entertainment will be on Wednesday Evening, December 3, beginning at 9 o'clock. This Activity is combined with the entertainment of the delegates of the Association of Negro Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Faculty of the Texas State University for Negroes, Houston, Texas. This occasion will bring together here the most significant aggregation of Educators in the history of Prairie View.

F. POLL TAX -

For a number of years Staff members at Prairie View have been urged to pay their Poll Tax, as a gesture of citizenship. It is most important this year, that every eligible person here pay his Poll Tax for these reasons -

1. 1948 will bring about many important questions that must be decided by the Ballot. Now that our people have been granted this coveted privilege of voting in all Elections, it is expected that every intelligent person will avail himself of the opportunity of exercising the privilege of voting.
2. Prairie View A. and M. College is a Tax-Supported Institution. The funds for its support are largely derived from Tax Sources. It is expected that those of us who work here will at least pay our Poll Tax in the amount of \$1.75 a year. It has been arranged, for the convenience of our people here, that Poll Tax may be paid on the Campus. Those who desire to take advantage of the local arrangement may do so by making your payment in the office of Mr. W. R. Banks. The last date for payment of Poll Tax is January 31, 1948, however it is wise to look after this important matter as early as possible.

G. DR. VERNON JOHNS -

The News Letter, last month, carried the information that Dr. Vernon Johns, of Farmville, Virginia, would be the Discussion Leader for the "Y" Institute, which will be held here December 12, 13 and 14. We are happy that it has been possible for us to secure the services of a man, who has been voted one of the ten greatest living preachers in America. We are certain that the entire campus will show its appreciation by coming out to hear him preach on Sunday, December 14. The expense for Dr. Johns will be handled through the usual sources-- Public Lectures, Community Chest, Student Activity and Religious Budget Fund.

H. THE "Y" LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE -

The Fourteenth Session of the "Y" Leadership Institute, of the Southwest Area Council of the Y M C A, comprising the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, will be held December 12, 13 and 14. The delegates will be composed of the Student Leadership of the high schools of the three States, College Students of the Southwest Area and Faculty Sponsors. There is every indication that this delegation will run upward of 400. It is very necessary that every effort be put forth to come up to our usual standard in entertaining this fine group of young men and women and faculty sponsors.

H. IMPORTANT -

It is important that we keep before us such matters as these:

1. The Faculty Community Chest is a MUST. It is pleasing to note how the staff members are paying their Community Chest Dues.
2. The occasion of December 3 makes it necessary that we urge every staff member to pay his or her Entertainment dues immediately.
3. The Federal Credit Union has informed us that it has several hundred dollars on hand to aid staff members, in case some ready money is needed.

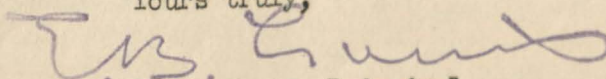
I. "FOUR PILLARS OF FAITH" -

Dr. Charles S. Johnson was inaugurated President of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee on November 7, 1947. Dr. Johnson is the first President of the Negro Race to assume this responsibility. In his Inaugural Address, he used as his subject "Four Pillars of Faith" which were characterized as "A Practical Realism and Scientific Discipline in Education; Social Responsibility in Human Relations; International Knowledge and Understanding as a Key to Survival; Self-Discovery; and, an Unambiguous Well-supported Ethical Universalism". It is clear that Dr. Johnson's beliefs centered about Work, Justice, Freedom and Moral Power. The Address was interesting, enlightening and provocative.

J. THE SEASON -

As we approach the Christmas Season, I want to leave with you and your thinking, the challenging words that centered around the Birth of the Christ, our Lord; "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth and Good Will toward Men".

Yours truly,



E. B. Evans, Principal

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P. S. Meeting on Monday Evening instead of Tuesday at the usual time and place.
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