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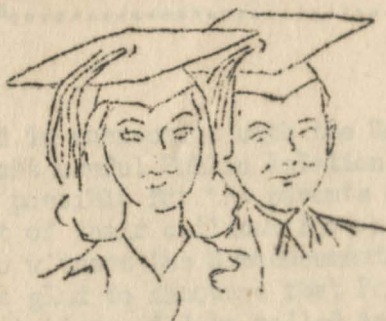
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A. CALENDAR --

1. In-Service Training for Registered Nurses in Texas..... May 3-6
2. Physical Education Demonstration..... May 6
3. Honors Day..... May 10
4. Alumni Day..... May 22
5. Commencement Exercises..... May 23
  - a. Baccalaureate Address by Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri
  - b. Graduation Exercises
  - c. Parents' Day
6. Final Examinations..... May 24-27

B. PARENTS' DAY --

Parents' Day, observed in connection with the Commencement at Prairie View, has been one of the most useful Public Relation Activities of the Institution. It has made it possible for the parents of the students to visit the school and to be guest of their children for one day, and at the same time, have an opportunity to witness the Commencement Exercises and fellowship with friends. We are glad to announce that Parents' Day will be, this year, on May 23. Invitations will be mailed to parents of every student enrolled here, inviting them to be present, and if they cannot be present, designate someone to serve as Parent for their child on this occasion. Seven or eight hundred parents are expected to be the guests of the Institution on May 23.

C. COMMENCEMENT --

During the War the Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises were held jointly on Sunday. This departure has proven so satisfactory, especially to the parents of the members of the graduating classes, that the exercises will be continued on a joint basis this year, May 23. We have been extremely fortunate in securing President Sherman D. Scruggs, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, as the principal speaker for this occasion.

D. HOUSING CONFERENCE --

The Housing Conference, under the sponsorships of the Federal Housing Authorities on the National, Regional and State levels and Prairie View A. & M. College, was held at Prairie View April 19 and 20 with a significant

representation, principally business men and women. The Theme of the Conference was "Better Housing for Negroes in Texas." The Conference was honored with the presence of Dr. Frank S. Horne, Mr. George Holland and Mr. Samuel Danley of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Al Thompson of Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. A. Macco Smith of Dallas, Texas, and Mr. George Washington, Fort Worth. The aforesaid men were the Negro representatives of the Federal Housing Authority. Also, there were a great number of able white representatives of private enterprises and Federal Housing Authority. The presence and participation of Mr. Walter Aiken, Contractor of Atlanta, Georgia and Mr. Moses McKissack, Contractor of Nashville, Tennessee gave the Conference a sparkle and tonic of enthusiasm of such a significant nature that it will be long remembered. The Findings Committee has recommended that this Conference be held annually at Prairie View, as well as District Conferences on Housing throughout the State.

#### E. INTERCOLLEGIATE RELAYS AND FIELD MEET -

The Annual Intercollegiate Relays and Field Meets were held at Prairie View on April 9 and 10, 1948 with participants from fifteen colleges of the Southwest Area. This Event attracted a large gathering of interested citizens from throughout the State. The participation was good and the outcome was satisfactory.

#### F. INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE MEETS -

The Annual Activities of The Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools were carried out the week ends of April 17 and 24. There were more than 4,000 event participations. The faculty of Prairie View is to be congratulated upon the fine way in which the affairs of the League were conducted on the occasion of these annual meets. It was estimated that the two meets brought to the campus upward of 5,000 people. It is to be observed that this is the largest Interscholastic League Meet of Colored Schools in America.

#### G. ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE R. O. T. C. UNIT -

The annual inspection of the Prairie View R. O. T. C. Unit was held April 27. The officials of the United States Army made a rigid inspection of the Unit, both in classroom work and in field practice. While the report has not been received, from the observation of the layman, the R. O. T. C. Unit acquitted itself excellently.

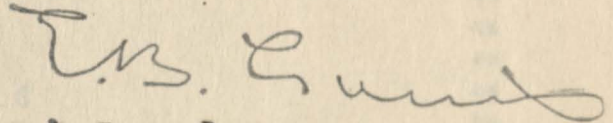
#### H. THE SUMMER SCHOOL 1948 -

The Summer School, 1948, will begin on Monday, June 7. Dr. Drew, the Director, has announced that a very strong and capable faculty has been selected and that the applications for Graduate Study has far exceeded previous years. Several Work Shops will be carried on in connection with the Summer School, such as: Work Shop in Health Education, Work Shop for Principals, Work Shop for Librarians and the Co-operative Education Work Shop. There is every indication of a heavy enrollment for the Summer School Session.

I. Permit me to conclude this News Letter with an important statement from the late Wendell L. Wilkie, made on the occasion of an address at Duke University on January 14, 1943 -

"We must establish beyond any doubt the equality of men. And we shall find this equality, not in the different talents which we severally possess, nor in the different incomes which we severally earn, but in the great franchise of the mind, the universal, franchise, which is bounded neither by color, nor by creed, nor by social status. Open the books if you wish to be free."

Very truly yours,



E. B. Evans, Dean

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P. S. Meeting at the usual place and time.  
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