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A CALENDAR -

1. November

- Homecoming Prairie View vs Texas College. November 6 ba
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- d. Game - Prairie View vs Langston at
- e.
- State Teachers' Association November 25-27
- Prairie View vs Southern at 80

2. December

- "Y" Leadership Institute, Dr. Martin L. Harvey, Discussion Leader December 10-12
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ENROLLMENT --Bo

The final figures from the Registrar's Office reveal that in all Departments, Prairie View A. and M. College has 2,276 students enrolled. We are pleased to report that under the pressure of this record breaking enrollment, the Institution has sustained a splendid morale among both staff members and students.

MR. R. B. JEFFERSON -Ca

Effective October 15, 1948, Mr. R. B. Jefferson, Professor of Education, was selected to serve as Acting Head of the Department of Education. Mr. Jefferson comes to that office with a rich background of training and experience. We ask for him your usual fine cooperation,

HOMECOMING -D.

The Annual Homecoming will be November 6, 1948 with the feature attraction a football game between Prairie View A. and M. College and Texas College on the Blackshear Field. This occasion will attract to our campus an unprecedented number

of ex-students, parents, friends and visitors. In fact, every facility of the Institution will be taxed to care for that attendance. It is our hope that each one will go out of the way to make those who come, feel perfectly "At Home". In this connection we want to urge that every person on the payroll be present at the game. While the team will do its duty in trying to bring victory to the "Purple and Old Gold", it is important that we give our moral support, evidenced by our presence at the game.

E. ANNUAL -

Prairie View A. and M. College is laying plans to publish an Annual this spring which will record, in a general way, the activities and progress of the Institution. All Annuals are history making and their value increases as years come and go. We want the picture of all staff members, as well as students, for this publication. In order that it will be convenient for photographs to be made, Mr. Teal of Houston, Texas, is scheduled for several days on the campus. Mr. R. W. Hilliard is Chairman of the Annual Committee and from time to time he will be making specific requests of us, and it is the hope that he will have the usual prompt and sympathetic cooperation.

F. BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA -

The annual financial drive of the Boy Scouts of America is being launched this week. The Prairie View Community has a fine and enthusiastic Boy Scout Troup under a strong and capable committee of volunteer campus workers. In a few days one of the members of the committee will call on you for financial assistance for the local troop. The Boy Scout Program, as a character building agency, merits our fullest support. It is hoped that you will give generously to the movement.

G. TEACHERS! ASSOCIATION -

The Texas Association of Colored Teachers will have its Annual Session in Dallas, Texas, November 25-27. It has been the practice of the Institution, through the years, to encourage as many faculty members to attend and participate in the activities of this program as possible. The Dallas Teachers are making elaborate plans to entertain the visiting teachers on the occasion of this Annual Meeting. Those who have paid their dues and desire to attend, kindly let your Directors know, not later than November 20 so that ample arrangements can be made to carry on your duties while away. Professor Geo. W. Reeves is our authorized collector of dues for the staff members here. It is the hope that we will enroll 100%.

H. NATIONAL ELECTION -

An important National election will be held Tuesday, November 2, 1948. We want to urge every qualified voter to cast his or her ballot in this election for it is not only a privilege but a responsibility. There are upward of 200 qualified voters in and around Prairie View. It is the hope that these people will vote in full strength Tuesday, November 2, 1948.

I. POLL TAX -

The requirement of citizens to qualify for voting in the State of Texas is the payment of Poll Tax is the beginning of this month, which will expire January 31, 1949. We want to urge every person here, who is eligible to vote, to pay Poll Tax thus qualifying ourselves to discharge our duties as citizens. For the convenience of the faculty we are arranging again for Poll Tax payments to be made in the office of Mr. W. R. Banks, Room 201. Agriculture Building. Please let us all pay our Poll Tax before the deadline.

J. COMMUNITY GHEST -

The time for giving consideration to the payment of the Prairie View Community Chest for this year is in the month of November. The requirements are 2% of one month's salary less the deduction of Federal Tax and Teacher Retirement. Last year, 95% of the people at Prairie View met this obligation faithfully and only 5% failed to discharge their responsibility im respect to Community Chest Dues. We want to urge that the payment to the Prairie View Community Chest Dues will be 100%. While this obligation is not compulsory, yet it furnishes a measure of community loyalty and spirit.

K. "Y" LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE -

For fourteen years, Prairie View has been the "moving spirit" in sponsoring the "Y" Leadership Institute in the month of December of each year. The delegates are represented by the choice selections of the high schools and colleges from the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas to the number of more than 300. It is the custom of the Institution to bring as Discussion Leaders, some of the most outstanding prelates in America. We have been fortunate, this year, in securing the services of Dr. Martin L. Harvey, Dean of Students, Southern University, Baton Route, Louisiana. Dr. Harvey has a national reputation as an able minister and speaker and his coming on this occasion will make a worthwhile contribution to our school life.

L. HOUSTON Y W C A BUILDING FUND -

Below appears a copy of a self explanatory letter from Miss Sylvia E. Coleman, Branch Executive of the Y W C A, Houston, Texas:

September 28, 1948

Dr. E. B. Evans, President
Prairie View A. and M. College
Prairie View
Texas

My dear Dr. Evans:

At the last meeting of our Administrative Committee, a report of four hundred and forty-six dollars from you and your faculty was made.

Although an official acknowledgement has been sent, I do want to add my personal word of appreciation.

Your contribution came at a time when we needed encouragement for that "Second Mile". Your contribution, too, took us very close to the halfway mark of our total goal.

Please convey to your faculty our very deep appreciation for this most generous gift.

Very sincerely yours,
/s/
Sylvia E. Coleman
Branch Executive

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M. FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT -

The date for the annual Faculty Entertainment for the First Semester of the school year has not been set. Very soon an appropriate committee will be appointed to work out the details of this important faculty function and accordingly your attention will be directed to date and cost.

N. CONCLUSION -

We are now observing much discussion in the press regarding State Rights and Human Rights. We want to close this News Letter with a very important statement that David Lillenthal, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, made before a Congressional Committee of Investigation on his views regarding Communistic Doctrine:

"I believe - and I so conceive the Constitution of the United States to rest upon, as does religion - the fundamental proposition of the integrity of the individual; and that government and all private institutions must be designed to promote and protect the integrity and the dignity of the individual; that, that is the the essentail meaning of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as it is essentially the meaning of religion."

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Yours truly,

E. B. Evans, President

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P. S. Meeting same time and place.