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A. CALENDAR -

1. Inauguration-Installation Exercises, President Elect Edward Bertram Evans, Prairie View A. and M. College, Prairie View, Texas, 10:30 A. M.....December 3
2. "Reptiles of North America", Science Department, Library Auditorium, 6:00 P. M.....December 7
3. The "Y" Leadership Institute.....December 10-12
4. Christmas Festival of Music.....December 12
5. Faculty Entertainment.....December 14
6. Christmas Holidays.....December 18-31

B. INSTALLATION - President Elect Edward Bertram Evans -

Arrangements are going forward for the Installation Exercises which are to be held in the Auditorium-Gymnasium at 10:30 A.M., December 3, 1948. The significant note in this program is the fact that Prairie View has operated for seventy-two years without a President; the persons in immediate charge have been designated the Principal or Dean. The Law that brought Prairie View into existence in 1876 designated the President, not only of the Institution at College Station, but of all the Branch Colleges which included Prairie View A. and M. College. Therefore, this occasion will attract a great number of educators representing all phases of our educational organization, as well as prominent citizens, alumni and patrons. In conclusion, this event marks an important epoch in the history and development of Prairie View A. & M. College, Prairie View, Texas. WE SALUTE THE OCCASION.

C. "Y" LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE -

Prairie View has sponsored a "Y" Institute in the month of December for fourteen years. The Institute for this year will be held on December 10, 11 and 12, beginning Friday night, December 10 at 7:00 P. M. Already a great number of delegates from the High Schools of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas have indicated their plans to attend. This event will bring to our campus a fine representation of young men, women and adults.

Dr. Martin L. Harvey, Dean of Students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, will be the Discussion Leader for this important Meeting. He will preach to the entire school family at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 12. It is our sincere hope that all of our school faculty, along with the delegation will hear him.

D. CONGRATULATIONS -

We want to take this occasion to congratulate Mr. O. J. Baker, the Librarian, and his staff for a 100% payment of Community Chest Dues. This is a worthy example and congratulations are in order. Also in this connection, the Office of Public Relations has reported 100%.

E. FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT -

For a great many years we have looked forward, with much anticipation, for the coming of the December Faculty Entertainment. We are happy to report that this Entertainment is scheduled for Tuesday Evening, December 14. Professor George W. Brooks is Chairman of the General Committee on Arrangements and it is reported that Sub-committees have been appointed and everything is shaping up nicely for a fine evening of fellowship and entertainment. A fee of \$1.00 has been set as the financial requirement for this event. It is important that we have, on or by December 11, payments so that the Subsistence Department might go ahead with its arrangements. For your convenience it has been arranged for payments to be made in the office of Mr. W. R. Banks, Room #201, Agricultural Building.

F. BOY SCOUT DRIVE -

Members of the Boy Scout Drive Committee are to be commended for the fine work done in connection with the recent Drive. A total of \$141.25 was collected which is the largest amount collected, for that purpose, in the history of the school.

G. AMONG OTHER THINGS -

1. Community Chest

The report for Community Chest payments during the month of November have been indeed gratifying. More people have paid to date, their Community Chest obligations, than anytime in the history of this program. Let us endeavor to cover this obligation in December by all means.

2. Poll Tax

Several people have made inquiries regarding the time for paying Poll Tax. Poll Tax is now due and for your convenience, payments may be made to Mr. W. R. Banks, Room #201, Agricultural Building and receipt will be acknowledged.

3. Faculty Federal Credit Union

Mr. L. E. Scott has revealed the information that the Prairie View Faculty Federal Credit Union has now on hand, several hundred dollars for loans to members on the staff. If anyone is interested it might be well to call Mr. L. E. Scott.

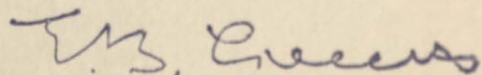
4. Notice

Dr. Givens, the Executive Secretary of the National Education Association has released what he regards as information on conditions that are a threat to the Nation's security--found in these words:

"More than 4,000,000 children of school age are not enrolled in any school; 2,800,000 persons, 14 years of age and older, are illiterate; 8,197,000 persons, 14 years of age and older, have less than a fifth-grade education; 659,000 persons, about twice the number of combat divisions deployed in the South Pacific operations of World War II, were rejected solely for educational deficiencies; although 100,000 new elementary teachers will be needed annually for the next ten years, the output of our colleges which prepare teachers in 1948 was about 20,000 persons prepared for elementary school positions, of whom less than 12,000 were four-year college graduates; our public school systems are not being prepared to receive the 9,000,000 more children who are expected to be enrolled in 1957 than were enrolled in 1947."

We wish for each staff member a most Happy Christmas Holiday and a Prosperous New Year.

Very truly yours,



E. B. Evans, President

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P. S. Meeting same place and time.