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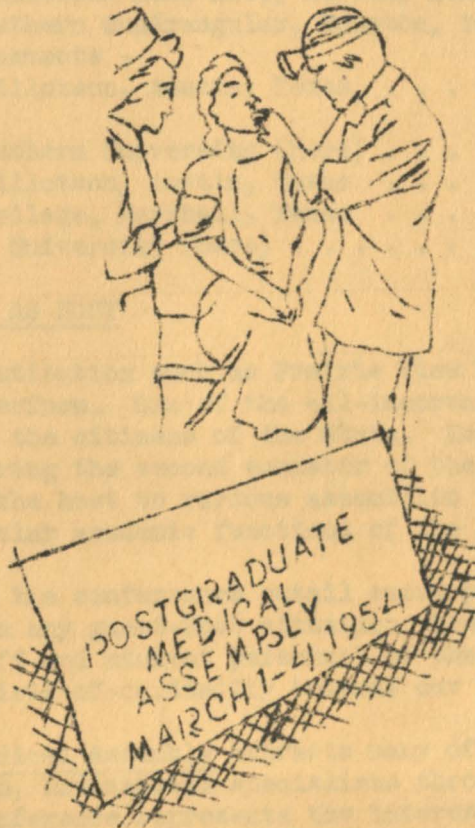
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A. CALENDAR - March - 1954

1. Postgraduate Medical Assembly . . . . . March 1 - 4
2. First Annual Agricultural Exposition . . . . . March 4 - 5
3. 25th Annual Educational Conference . . . . . March 5
4. Interscholastic Band Contest . . . . . March 12-13
5. N. F. A. and N. H. A. Convention . . . . . March 18-20
6. Mid-semester Examinations . . . . . March 23-24
7. In-service Nurses Conference . . . . . March 30 - April 1
8. Athletic Activities
  - a. Track and Field -
    - 1) Huston-Tillotson Dual Meet, Austin, Texas . . March 12-13
    - 2) Texas Southern Quadrangular, Houston, Texas . March 26-27
  - b. Tennis Tournaments -
    - 1) Huston-Tillotson, Austin, Texas, . . . . . March 12-13
  - c. Baseball -
    - 1) Texas Southern University (here) . . . . . March 5 - 6
    - 2) Huston Tillotson, Austin, Texas . . . . . March 12-13
    - 3) Bishop College, Marshall, Texas . . . . . March 19-20
    - 4) Langston University (here) . . . . . March 26-27

B. PRAIRIE VIEW SERVES AS HOST

A state-operated institution such as Prairie View has many functions which it seeks to perform. One of the all-important roles of this College is to serve the citizens of the State. Especially is this role accentuated during the second semester of the school term, when the campus becomes the host to various assemblies which are held in addition to the regular academic functions of the College.

It is realized that the conferences entail extra preparation and services, as is true in any guest-host situation; however, it is hoped that the entire staff and student personnel of the College will respond in its customary spirit-of-cordiality towards our visitors.

The Postgraduate Medical Assembly attracts many of the outstanding physicians, surgeons, and medical specialists throughout the State each year. This Conference represents the interest and purposefulness with which members of the medical profession approach their service to humanity. The College can do no less than make them welcome as they pursue their "refresher" assemblies.

The First Annual Agricultural Exposition, to be sponsored by The School of Agriculture, March 4-5, promises to be a worthwhile experience for campus and visiting personnel alike. Expositions of this type are educational projects which provide opportunity for participants and spectators to become aware of the many areas covered by the Agricultural sciences. The entire staff is encouraged to avail itself of the exhibits which will be on display during the exposition.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Educational Conference represents a quarter of a century during which Prairie View has sought to promote an activity to aid the public school personnel throughout our State to become increasingly aware of their responsibilities in their various communities, and Prairie View's attempt to render service to help them accomplish these tasks.

Many superintendents, principals, supervisors and teachers visit our campus for the purpose of acquiring helpful information during the Conference. It is hoped that the entire College will devote itself to making their visit a profitable one.

The Interscholastic Band Contest provides many boys and girls throughout the State an opportunity to visit our campus and display their instrumental talents. It affords the College an opportunity to provide them with an insight relative to our campus' facilities and programs, also. It is hoped that the Institution will recognize its responsibilities in their behalf, and seek to fulfill them satisfactorily.

The New Farmers and New Homemakers of America Convention attracts hundreds of high school pupils to the campus annually. The Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics cannot undertake the total responsibility of making the Convention a success. Much help must come from the entire staff in order that the best possible experience is provided the boys and girls who attend the Convention with their advisers.

The Nurses Conference is a vital part of our College activities. Its membership includes in-service nurses engaged in hospital services, public health agencies and school-nursing programs. This, the seventh annual conference, is sponsored by the College in cooperation with the Division of Public Health Nursing and the Texas Department of Health.

#### C. MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

A necessary part of the instructor-student activity is the mid-semester examination. It provides an opportunity for the "half-way glance" at the student's performance for the first portion of the semester. Instructors are responsible for providing the most accurate appraisal of the student's class work for the first nine weeks, and the Office of the Registrar will be glad to render all possible assistance to the instructional staff in order that this responsibility may be accomplished. Detailed announcements regarding the mid-semester examinations will be provided by the Registrar in the near future.

#### D. CONGRATULATIONS -

To all those persons responsible for the very fine College, School, Divisional and Departmental activities held during the past month. The programs held outside the classroom require added planning, supervision and promotion; however, they result in far more positive results than often immediately recognized.

Those individuals who give of their time, energy and talents to the extra activities are making a contribution of inestimable value to our students and our citizens at large.

E. JUST AS REMINDERS

Income Tax - The month of March is the "headache" month. Lest we forget, income tax statements for 1953 are due in the mail by midnight, March 15.

Texas automobile license plates should be purchased prior to April 1, in order to avoid penalty. These licenses may be secured in Hempstead at the County courthouse.

March is American Red Cross campaign month. Please try to make a contribution to the Red Cross Fund drive, and all persons who are interested in membership may obtain their cards upon payment of the one dollar membership fee.

F. WORKERS' MEETING

The public meeting of the Postgraduate Medical Assembly will be held on Tuesday night in the Auditorium-Gymnasium. For this reason, the regular Workers' Meeting will not be held this month. All staff members are urged to attend the public health meeting and other medical sessions whenever possible.

IN CONCLUSION

We may well ask ourselves, during the Month of March, how best may we fulfill our responsibilities toward preparing our students for their serviceable participation in society, and to what extent should we extend our services to include hospitality and direction to those who come to us from the larger community outside? To answer these questions, we may find useful the following quotation by Robert S. Lynd, in Knowledge for What?:

"The responsibility is to keep everlastingly challenging the present with the question: But what is it that we human beings want, and what things would have to be done, in what ways and in what sequence, in order to change the present so as to achieve it?"

Very truly yours,

*E. B. Evans*

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