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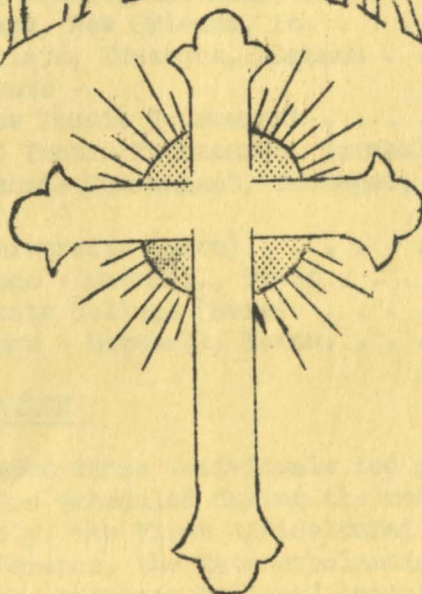
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# NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS

APRIL, 1954

**A. CALENDAR**

1. Boy Scout Campaign . . . . . March 29-April 6
2. Physical Education Demonstration . . . . . April 7
3. Maheagris . . . . . April 9
4. Industrial Education Conference . . . . . April 9-10
5. Marriage and Family Conference . . . . . April 11-13
6. Annual R.O.T.C. Evening Parade Ceremony . . . . . April 22
7. Interscholastic League, Classes "B" and "C" . . . . . April 23-24
8. Leadership Institute . . . . . April 26-30
9. Interscholastic League, Classes "A", "AA", "AAA" . . . . . April 30-May 1
10. Athletic Activities:
  - a. Track and Field -
    - 1) Prairie View Relays . . . . . April 2 - 3
    - 2) San Jacinto Relays, Marshall, Texas . . . . . April 16-17
    - 3) Xavier Relays, New Orleans, La. . . . . April 23-24
    - 4) Tuskegee Relays, Tuskegee, Alabama . . . . . April 30-May 1
  - b. Tennis Tournaments -
    - 1) Prairie View Tennis Tournament . . . . . April 2 - 3
    - 2) San Jacinto Tennis Tournament, Marshall, Texas . . . . . April 16-17
    - 3) Tuskegee Tennis Tournament, Tuskegee, Ala. . . . . April 30-May 1
  - c. Baseball -
    - 1) Southern University (here) . . . . . April 2 - 3
    - 2) Texas College - Marshall, Texas . . . . . April 9 -10
    - 3) Arkansas State College (Here) . . . . . April 16-17
    - 4) Wiley College - Marshall, Texas, , . . . . . April 30-May 1

**B. EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

Commendations are extended those individuals and groups responsible for the success of the activities scheduled during the month of March. The Post-graduate Medical Assembly, the First Agricultural Exposition, the 25th Annual Educational Conference, the Interscholastic Band Festival, the Convocation highlighting the American Railroad Association, the Institute for Teachers of the Language Arts and the In-service Nurses Conference were activities which brought to our campus approximately 5,000 individuals from across the State and various parts of the nation. That each of you contributed in some way toward helping Prairie View to accommodate its visitors, attests to your realizing the personal and professional responsibility which each must assume in order to keep the reputation of the College as one which is highly regarded.

The advisors of the student organization which spearheaded the Red Cross Drive on the campus, and the leaders of the Boy Scout Drive now in process are to be commended for their efforts. Each of you who gave made possible whatever measure of success Prairie View achieves in these worthwhile and necessary projects,

### C. APRIL ACTIVITIES

The first half of the second semester has passed, and the second half will seem shorter. Many activities occur on our campus during the Spring which help to make the time pass rapidly.

The Physical Education Demonstration which is held each Spring provides an opportunity for the campus personnel to see the type of work being done in the Physical Education Department. The evening of April 7 will provide the college with the type of program which it has become accustomed to seeing. The entire staff will enjoy the performance of the students enrolled in various physical education classes.

Maheagris is another of the activities which the campus holds annually in order that all students and staff may take the time to see the exhibits of the Schools of Home Economics, Agriculture and the Division of Industrial Education. For many persons, Maheagris is the activity which compels them to say, "I didn't know that all this was going on at Prairie View." In the past, the exhibits have been very fine, and it is anticipated that they will be as good and in some instances better, than ever before. April 9 is the day on which students and staff will find educational displays provided by Prairie View's own personnel, for the benefit of the entire campus.

The Industrial Education Conference, which is young when compared with some of the older annual events sponsored by the College, is becoming increasingly popular each year. It attracts many teachers and pupils from throughout the State to participate in the various activities and see the exhibits on display. Many of the boys who come to the Conference have worked in their high school "shop" classes with renewed enthusiasm because of this annual event. The College is expected to respond to their visit in its usual fine manner, April 9 and 10.

As the Marriage and Family Conference gains impetus from year to year, the staff is asked to cooperate with the activity wholeheartedly. This type of conference utilizes visiting specialists and staff personnel to make it a successful experience for our students. Its value cannot be overestimated. Detailed announcements of this April 11-13 conference will be made shortly.

The Annual R.O.T.C. Evening Parade Ceremony affords our cadets with the privilege of performing for the campus personnel particularly. The enthusiasm, precision and color which accompany this Ceremony, April 22, make it one worthy of attendance.

The Interscholastic League contests scheduled for April 23-24 and April 30-May 1, are important activities. Each of the schools which take part approaches the contest with sincerity. Without realizing the earnestness with which the contestants attack their performances, many staff judges may underestimate their positions in these activities. All persons who are asked to serve on the various judging committees are reminded that the assignment is of no small significance, and your most sincere and cooperative effort is solicited during the Interscholastic League Contests.

The Leadership Institute, which will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium, April 26-30, is a worthwhile, educational program. Sponsored by the Department of Economics and Social Science, it focuses on leadership qualities, specifically those concerned with parliamentary procedure. Both students and staff receive helpful information from the Institute, and both are encouraged to attend.

The April Athletic Calendar is a crowded one. Perhaps the most interesting activity is the Prairie View Relays and Tennis Tournament, April 2-3. The Prairie View participants need our support and encouragement in all their athletic activities. The football team has made its contribution to our College and to the Southwest; let us help our track, baseball and tennis teams to do their best with the knowledge that we are proud of them in all their performances.

D. A PRAIRIE VIEW WELCOME

To Stephanie Richey, born March 18 to Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Mitchem, the Prairie View Family extends its heartiest congratulations.

Although somewhat belated, we should like to take this occasion to welcome little Toni Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis A. Lee. New citizens are always welcome in the family circle.

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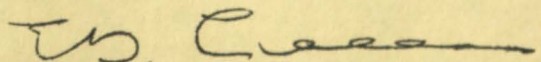
May we be ever mindful that Prairie View is a College which seeks, always, to make a contribution to the citizens of this State, the nation and the world. We continue to search diligently through research, classroom teaching, the promotion of various College-sponsored programs and professional study to find ways by and through which our services may be improved.

As was stated by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson before the 63rd Annual Farmers Conference, Tuskegee, Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, January 27, 1954:

We shall approach these studies in a humble and prayerful spirit. We shall approach them with the reverence that comes from a realization that we deal not with statistics--not with numbers--but with people--with children of the Almighty.

It is our privilege--yours and mine--to help our fellowmen. Let us set about the task with all diligence. With the blessing and guidance of a kind Providence, we shall succeed.

Very truly yours,

  
E. B. Evans, President

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P. S. Workers' Meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Administration Auditorium.