Firemen's Training School Held

"Learn to do by Doing" Is Theme

"In a training school such as this, we learn to do by doing," stated Col. H. R. Brayton in the opening session of the Firemen's Training School.

The School, first of its kind to be held for Negroes both within the State, and reputedly, in the nation was held on the campus recently.

Col. Brayton, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, as Director of the School stated, "Your job is important, whether in uniform or when relaxing."

He continued, "When wearing a badge, be proud of the profession— as doctors, lawyers, teachers are—for you render service to human mankind."

In welcoming the conference membership, President E. B. Evans predicted "that this Firemen's Training School will become one of the greatest services that we (Prairie View) can render to the citizens of this State."

"We are not dealing in numbers, for at this conference, we are interested in quality; not quantity," he concluded.

The conference was conducted by the Engineering Extension Service in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency, Division of Trade and Industrial Education.

Instructoral staff of the Firemen's Training School included James E. Dobson, Henry D. Smith and A. J. Fogdale of the A. & M. College of Texas; Chief Eugene Sanders, Fire Prevention Chief, Fire Insurances Department, Austin; Chief G. G. Adams, Houston Fire Department; J. P. Cotton, Assistant Chief Motor Inspector. The

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Selecting "Miss Homecoming"

"Miss Homecoming of 1953" will be selected by the local club contributing the largest amount of funds to the general association.

Each local club is requested to sponsor someone (from its membership) as a candidate for "Miss Homecoming."

November 5, 1953, is the deadline for mailing all funds for "Miss Homecoming" to the Executive Secretary, Mr. L. C. Mosley, Prairie View A. & M. College, Prairie View, Texas. All funds raised in connection with this program will be used to promote the general welfare of the association.

Clubs are advised to contact every former student of the College in their respective hometowns or counties.

P. V. Exhibit is 'Knockout'

"Say! That's real knocked-out!" exclaimed an admirer of the Prairie View Agricultural Exhibit at the State Fair, Dallas, on the day of the Prairie View-Wylie Classic. The well deserved compliment was a tribute to the first and largest Negro land grant college in the nation; to the management of the Agricultural Department of the State Fair of Texas to the artist responsible for the three dimensional exhibit-design; and to the Prairie View agricultural leaders who cooperated with the Fair in planning the P. V. exhibit.

The background of the exhibit— a mural depicting an aerial view of the College was given additional dimension by a rotating table which stood in the forefront, and upon which was erected a model farm.

Included in the display were photographs of President E. B. Evans; the P. V. Experiment Station which pictured Mr. J. C. Williams, superintendent, several of the P. V. students and several white-faced Jersey heifers, a Bryant County farm-scene of the plowing under of legumes.

In connection with the exhibit was the awarding of medals and scrolls to both boys and girls, 4-H club winners, by the distinguished guest of the State Fair from the Magnolia State Association. Prairie View agricultural leaders who assisted in planning the exhibit included: W. C. David, Chairman and State leader of Negro Extension Service; Mr. M. V. Brown, Administrative Assistant to the Leader of Negro Extension Work; and Mr. H. S. Estelle, Miss E. G. Carter, Mr. J. V. Smith, District Agents.

P. V. Girl Scout Organized

The first Girl Scout Troop at Prairie View has been organized recently.

"Mrs. Mary Wrenn, leader of the Troop, stresses the feeling that, "The Girl Scouts seek to help its members realize the importance of better womanhood, service to the community, and the elements involved in a well-rounded life."

"The fifteen Brownies and the ten Intermediates in our Prairie View Troop are quite enthusiastic about their Girl Scout movement," she added.

Girl Scout Week will be observed from October 25 through 31. In connection with this observance, the Prairie View Girl Scout Troop will present a program on "International Relations," October 29, in the Administration Auditorium.

Mrs. Wrenn—the wife of Mr. James L. Wrenn, a member of the Executive Staff, Division of Industrial Education—is a native of Kansas City, Kansas.

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Four Hundred Acre Rice Farmer Makes Progress During Twenty Years

WASHINGTON, D. C. — It took nearly twenty years of day laboring in the rice fields for Shirley Banks of Garwood, Texas, to get started on his own, "but today, he is one of the outstanding rice farmers of the nation," says State Leader W. C. David of the Texas Extension Service in a report to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The 45-year-old farmer owns more than $40,000 worth of tractors, combines, and other equipment, says Mr. David, and he raises 400 acres of rice, producing nearly 9,000 barrels annually.

Mr. Banks started working in rice fields as a boy. Soon he learned production methods and knew how to operate the machines used in the cultivation and harvest of the crop. But, it took nearly twenty years of skimming and saving and hoping to get started on his own.

Eleven years ago, still without equipment of his own, Mr. Banks thought of giving up rice and turning to cotton like most of his neighbors. However, he decided to stick on a while longer.

Shortly afterward, the heir to the farm on which he worked came into possession of it, but did not wish to remain in farming. So, he offered to sell Mr. Banks part of the equipment for $2,500 on easy terms.

Mr. Banks, a modern home, and sheds of beef cattle.

Mr. Nix anticipates being able to relate himself well to the service through the ranks from private to First Lieutenant. He experienced military service in the Far East — China, Burma, India, and Calcutta.

From 1947-49, Mr. Nix served as the Veterans' Counselor at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.

Library Plans

Observance

According to Mr. O. J. Baker, Campus Librarian, the W. R. Banks Library staff is making plans for the observance of National Book Week, November 15-21.

The theme of the observance is, "Reading Is Fun!"

The preparation of special exhibits and activities designed to stimulate as much interest and enthusiasm as possible in the pleasant experience of reading is in progress.

More detailed announcements will be made by the library staff in the near future.

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are appreciated, and are deductible from income tax returns. The names of persons sending in donations prior to November 10, will appear on a special Homecoming Circular.

Reunion Classes for 1958

Class reunions will be held each five years instead of each ten years. This year, reunions will be held for classes of 1908, 1909, 1913, 1918, 1923, 1933, 1958, 1945 and 1948.

The plan will make possible the bring of ten classes together for the first time in the history of Prairie View.

Presidents of the respective classes are requested to contact all members of their classes and urge them to return to their reunion presentation, November 14, at 9:30 A.M.

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Committee Rethinks Student Organization Requirements

In recent meetings, the Student Organizations' Committee of the College, gave consideration to several aspects of student clubs.

The Committee considered the fact that: (1) a well-rounded college student participates in activities outside the classroom; (2) many students have need for less participation in "extra-curricular" activities and more concentration on subject-matter; (3) several student organizations exist solely for a "hometown dance" and/or a "campus ball" (a purpose which the Committee feels is not vital enough to substantiate the group's organizing); and (4) sponsors are often unable to fulfill their responsibilities to the group.

The considerations resulted in the Committee's setting forth the following: (1) each student organization must make application to the Committee and receive approval before it can receive official recognition; (2) each organization must state acceptable purposes or objectives for forming; (5) two sponsors must be secured for the potential organization, with the institution reserving the right to add one additional sponsor for the group; (4) at least twelve initial members signatures must be affixed to the application; (5) all applications to organize must be filed with the Committee chairman, Mr. H. E. Fuller, Dean of Men, before November 10, 1958.

Sponsors' Commitments

Sponsors are often negligent in their responsibilities to the student organization. Such negligence is reflected in (1) failure to attend club meetings (at least two sponsors must be present at each meeting); (2) unwillingness or failure to chaperone the organization's socials; and (3) the undesirable "little-clique" type of supervision given the group.

The Committee suggests that all sponsors of student organizations realize the responsibilities involved before signing the organization's application form.

Members of the Student Organizations' Committee are: Dean H. E. Fuller, chairman; Mr. J. E. Nix, Mrs. A. C. Preston, Dr. T. R. Solomon, Dean R. L. Bland Evarts, Mr. C. H. Nicholas and Mr. A. C. Alexander.

Applications will be screened by the Committee and approval or disapproval— with a reason stated —will be issued the applying organization.
Prairie View "Lifeline" Pumps Persistently

Mrs. Franke Rigsby, Hempstead, a Prairie View graduate (Home Economics major), who is "very proud of my two-year-old son, whom I love"; Mrs. Betty Richards, Hempstead, relief-operator, for all full-time operators.

State N. H. A. Adviser

State N. H. A. Adviser Attends Meet in the "Peach State"

Mrs. Lois B. Pendergaff, NHA Adviser for the Texas Association of New Homemakers of America, took part in the National NHA Advisory Board and Executive Board and Executive Council Meetings held at Savannah State College, Savannah, Georgia, recently.

The Executive Council Meeting was scheduled for the purpose of completing program plans for the Outstanding Nutritionist Guest of School of H. E.

Miss Mabel Evans, Regional Nutritionist for the Wheat Flour Institute, Chicago, Illinois, visited Prairie View recently en route to visits of a similar purpose at other colleges in the State.

Her visits are designed to acquaint colleges with her services and plan for future meetings and programs centered around the specialized field of nutrition.

While on campus, Miss Evans presented slides and talked to Home Economics majors and other interested persons on "New Careers in Home Economics."

Miss Evans' travel experiences in the field of Foods and Nutrition include: several years as head of the Foods and Nutrition Department, Tuskegee Institute; leadership in helping to plan for the first Food Show" before the State.

In cooperation with Mrs. E. C. Galloway, Dean, the School of Home Economics, plans are being made with Miss Evans for holding conferences in the future at Prairie View and other institutions in the State.

Mrs. Zelia S. Coleman, member of the instructional staff of the School of Home Economics and professional colleague of Miss Evans at Tuskegee, arranged the visitor's campus tour.

Did You Know That—

Coed Ina Belle Daniels of Prairie View Won the "MISS TEXAS" Title at the State Fair

October 19th

MRS. LOIS B. PENDERGRAFF

1954 National NHA Convention and to consider other special National NHA projects and problems. The National NHA Advisory Board which meets concurrently with this group each year worked with the National NHA officers on special problems and made plans for coordinating various phases of NHA work and integrating NHA activities with the total program for home and family life education.

Mrs. Pendergaff is secretary for the Board, and Miss Edna P. Amidor, Chief of the Home Economics Education Service, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is the Chairman.

Mrs. Pendergaff served as adviser to the national treasurer during the meeting.

Her experience as a state adviser in Texas; her efforts in planning for the in-service education of her homemaking education and general leadership training conferences for NHA members; her efforts in promoting leadership training conferences for officers at the State and National levels; as well as her understanding of many of the problems with which the persons associated with the movement are faced, have helped to equip Mrs. Pendergaff to give efficient service in the various phases of her work.

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THE PRAIRIE VIEW STANDARD
HAIL, COACHES!!!

When the FLASH was heard Wednesday, October 14, that Charlie Dressen, Manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was fired, tongues “wagged” throughout the nation—jabberingly speculating about the unknown reason for the firing.

A few hours later, news releases cleared up the story by printing information that “Chuck” had quit because of his inability to secure a three-year contract.

What has all this to do with football and the Prairie View Panther Coaching Staff? Just this!—Our coaches got no FLASHES, certainly none of condemnation for a job well done. How many telegrams, or telephone calls, or letters of commendation, or cards of congratulations have they received for guiding the PANTHERS to the Southwestern Conference Championship for two straight years, 1951-52 and 1952-53? Only one answer can be given—NONE.

What would they have received had the Panthers failed to make a good showing in the gridiron clashes over a two-month period? Only the hundreds of disgruntled, outspoken and condemning PANTHER fans (?) can answer that question. One thing is certain, the coaches would have received some types of communication.

Why A Salute

First, our coaches have moulded a mighty PANTHER eleven from a “hodge-podge” of temperamental personalities gathered from all parts of the State. Nights and days have been spent in guiding patiently the emotional, social, moral, mental and physical capabilities and potentialities of hundreds of young athletes to a mature and skilled “sportsman’s delight”—a GREAT TEAM.

Second, a mutual respect for personality exists between our coaches and our Panther players. Differences of opinion, opposites in physical coordination and prowess, extremes in moral codes have merged through the understanding that comes from living, working and fighting together. Our COACHES have accomplished this feat with the help of the PANTHER SQUAD.

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