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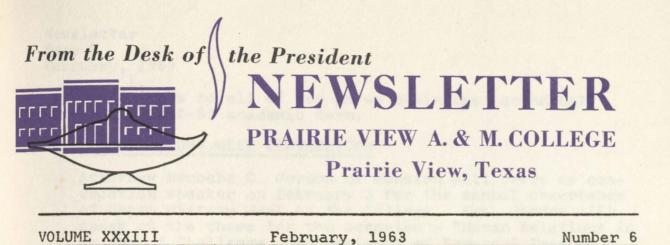
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A. CALENDAR - FEBRUARY, 1963

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2.	State Meeting - Agricultural and Home Demonstration Agents of Texas (continues). February 1
3.	Negro History Week Convocation February 3
4.	Ministers' Conference February 5-6
5.	Choir Clinic
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7.	Class A and B State Basketball
	Tournament
8.	Class AAAA, AAA, and AA State
9.	Tournament
10.	College Basketball
10.	Here
	Prairie View vs Grambling College February 2
	Prairie View vs Alcorn A. and M. College repruary 4
	Prairie View vs Arkansas A. M. & N February 23
	Prairie View vs Wiley College
	Prairie View vs Texas Southern
	Away
	Prairie View vs Grambling College Grambling, Louisiana
	Lowman Micciccippi.
	Prairie View vs Southern University
	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
	Prairie View vs Jackson College February 18
	Jackson, Mississippi

B. SEMESTER CHANGES

February 1 is the beginning of our spring semester. Orientation of new students and opening class activities will command our attention during the early part of the month. It is obviously a time for checks and balances for all of us - to look back for high points, for mistakes, and to determine our course in the light of past experiences. Newsletter Page 2 February, 1963

> Best wishes to all of you as we begin the second half of the 1962-63 academic term.

C. NEGRO HISTORY WEEK CONVOCATION

Attorney Barbara C. Jordon of Houston will serve as convocation speaker on February 3 for the annual observance of Negro History Week at the College. Mrs. Jordon will speak on the theme for the occasion - "Human Relations in an Age of Challenge: New Horizons of Personal Freedom."

D. STATE AGENTS' CONFERENCE

"Pursuing Excellence" is the theme for the annual state meeting of Agricultural and Home Demonstration Agents which began on January 28 and continues through February 1. The conference theme will emphasize the developing of greater efficiency in the performance of the county agent's responsibilities to the citizens of Texas. A special feature of the five-day sessions is a practical short course on meats, sponsored by the National Livestock and Meat Board.

E. CHOIR CLINIC

The Department of Music will sponsor a Choir Clinic on February 9 which expects to attract several choral groups from over the state. Consultants for the clinic include Noble Cain, noted composer and authority on choral music; Chris Dixie, former member of the University of Colorado School of Music; and Dr. H. Edison Anderson, Director of the A Cappella Choir.

F. MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The fourth Annual Ministers' Conference will be held on the campus February 5-6. The theme for the conference is - "Christ is the Answer: Forward to New Frontiers." The purpose of the annual meeting is to inform town and rural ministers of the economic and social factors affecting their communities, and implications for churches.

G. INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE EVENTS

We are approaching the season when thousands of high schools youngsters will be visiting the campus in connection with Interscholastic League events. Beginning February 14, the State basketball tournaments will open on the campus and continue the following weekend. The annual Band Festival follows on March 6-9, and in April, the annual League meets. Newsletter Page 3 February, 1963

All staff members are urged to contribute in making the visits of high school students and their teachers a pleasant and memorable experience for them.

H. SCIENCE GRANTS

A renewal of several grants has been made recently for special programs in Science. These include --

- Science Research Participation Program \$20,000 National Science Foundation
- Science Institute for Teachers (Summer) 37,000 National Science Foundation
- Science Training Program for Talented High 16,625 School Students, (NSF)
- 4. Chemistry Research 15,000 Welch Foundation

I. EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The theme for the annual Conference on Education scheduled for March 1 is - "The Changing World of Work: Implications for Education." The conference this year will feature specialists in the various employment areas who will discuss what opportunities are available, and what will be required of our young people.

J. IN CLOSING

It is encouraging to note the progress being made in schools and communities across the nation where special effort is being made to strengthen the cultural and academic status of underprivileged youth. More and more financial assistance is coming forward for young people who show promise, and schools in underprivileged areas are receiving special attention.

A recent report of "Higher Horizons" in New York City, summed up the present needs as follows:

"For our disadvantaged children a mere mathematical equality of services is entirely inadequate to overcome the handicaps of unfavorable social and economic conditions. They need a compensatory inequality which will enable them to compete with other more favored children with some basis of hope. Newsletter Page 4 February, 1963

> Only by means of such compensatory inequality can education become, as Horace Mann hoped it would, "the great equalizer of the conditions of men... (and)...the balance wheel of the social machinery.

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Very truly yours,

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