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PRAIRIE VIEW COLLEGE GETS CLASS 'A' RATING

New Rating Puts P. V. On Par With Fisk, Talladega, Etc.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools recently informed Principal W. R. Banks that Prairie View had been given an "A" rating in all the departments of the school in its December meeting.

The telegram from the Association was read in Chapel by Principal Banks. Students and faculty members expressed their elation and appreciation through loud and prolonged applause.

The "A" rating places Prairie View with Howard, Fisk and the other leading Negro colleges of America.

This accomplishment is one of the many things that Principal Banks has been working toward in his nine years at Prairie View.

Prairie View is the largest and best Negro Land-Grant College in America and has one of the strongest faculties of any Negro College in the country.

Prairie View Shares In State Teachers Meeting

In the recent meeting of the State Teachers Association which met in Galveston, Texas November 20, thru lege contributed its share in the December 1, 1934, Prairie View Col-meeting.

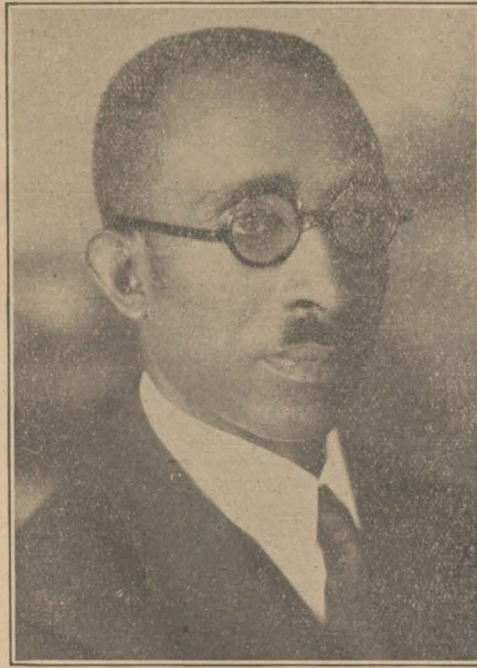
Mr. W. H. Houston, professor of English, spoke to the Press Association of the teachers on Thursday, December 29, 1934.

Mrs. D. C. Rayford presided over the "Parent Teacher's Association" Miss A. C. Preston and Mr. T. R. Griffith made helpful addresses in this section.

Mr. O. J. Baker was chairman of the Library Section of the Association.

Principal Banks was one of the main speakers during the meeting of the Association.

A mixed session, composed of the members of the White State Teachers Association and the Colored State Teachers Association, was held in the city auditorium Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p. m. Principal Banks was one of the speakers on the program and the college Glee Club rendered music during this mixed session. Supt. L. A. Woods of the Texas State Department of Education spoke at this meeting also, and lauded Prairie View as an outstanding school for Negroes in the United States.



PRINCIPAL W. R. BANKS

Principal Banks Elected Head of Land-Grant College Presidents

At the recent meeting in Washington, D. C., of the Association of the Presidents of the Land-Grant Colleges, Mr. Banks was elected President.

This group is composed of seventeen colleges which are under land-grant operation and six associates. The purpose of this association is to discuss and formulate plans for the operation and management of these colleges in the several states. The curriculum and every phase of college work and activity, both on the campus and in the field, is embraced by the conference.

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that we point out the fact that our own Principal W. R. Banks was elected president.

NEW APARTMENT READY FOR OCCUPANCY DECEMBER 29

The new teacher's cottage for men, which is located on the east side of our campus across from Woodruff Hall, will be complete in its construction and ready for occupancy December 29, 1934. This new domicile will contain eleven bed-rooms, two baths, and a large living room. It is similar to the two cottages already in use.

DUPLEX COTTAGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The first of December found men starting a new duplex cottage. Its location is near the dairy farm, and upon its completion will house two families. With the addition to our faculty of married couples, a dire need of cottages was found existing.

Death of Chemistry Instructor Shocks Campus

Melvin G. Randall, assistant professor of Chemistry, died Sunday, December 20 in the Prairie View Hospital. Although he had been reported seriously ill since December 12 when he underwent a major operation, his death came as a distinct shock.

Mr. W. H. Houston accompanied the body, which was taken immediately to his home in Grand Tower, Illinois and interred there December 28.

He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Randall, and two sisters.

Mr. Randall received his B. S. degree from Southern Illinois State Teachers College in 1930 and his M. S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1931. Since that time he has been a member of the faculty at Prairie View. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and the Beta Phi Chi Scientific Society at Prairie View.

The students and faculty members will always remember him for his
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54 Attend The Annual Meeting of Extension Agents

December 5 through 7, Prairie View was host to the annual meeting of the Negro extension agents of Texas. Fifty-four agents of various counties were present. Various farm projects, such as sausage making, chair caning, orchard work, care of trees, and mattress making were demonstrated. Addresses were delivered by Principal Banks, Mr. Waller and other speakers.

It is interesting to note that with the exception of four, the agents are all Prairie View graduates.

Panthers Prime For Tuskegee Golden Tigers

Southwestern Fans Await Annual New Year's Day Classic

Coach Taylor is putting the final touch on the Panthers this week to meet the charges of Cleve Abbott's Golden Tigers from Tuskegee. The Panthers are free from major injuries for the first time since early in the season. With Williams, Millard, Mason and Co-Captain T. Porter again on the firing line, the squad will be able to present its best showing since the Wiley clash. Tuskegee invades Texas with the worst season's record since Cleve Abbott has been mentor. The Tigers have been issued some exceptionally hard breaks this season and lost to South Carolina State, Alabama State, Wilberforce, Kentucky State and Wiley. On the other hand, the Panthers are closing up their toughest season since Sam Taylor has been at the helm. They have dropped their last three starts and finished third in the Southwestern Conference.

This will be the fourth clash between these two elevens, Tuskegee leading the series now 2 to 1. Prairie View having issued the last defeat, New Year's Day, '33, 14-0.

Probable Starting Lineups

Tuskegee	Position	Prairie View
Smith.....	L.E.....	Millard
Adams (c).....	L.T.....	Givens (c)
Sampson.....	L.G.....	Porter
Crawford.....	C.....	Haws
Parker.....	R.G.....	Hoskins
Wingo.....	R.T.....	Thomas
Delton.....	R.E.....	Pollard
Mobley.....	Q.....	Williams
Ownby.....	R.H.....	Powell
Sams.....	L.H.....	T. Porter
Kwright.....	F.....	Flowers

P. V. GETS NEW 200-KILOWATT TURBO-GENERATING UNIT

Twenty thousand dollars has been expended for a 200 Kilowatt Turbo generating unit. It is estimated that the generator will be able to furnish the on coming and fast growing Prairie View with electrical power for the next ten to twenty years.

With this additional machinery the total number of Kilo-watts now produced by our power plant is 370. This allows the cost of operation to be cut in half and those who desire electric clocks may purchase them because the current may be regulated so as to allow them to operate.

An electric bell will be installed also with this new addition. So our bell ringer will be without a job.

We Sincerely Wish
One and All
A Very Happy
And Prosperous
New Year
—The Staff

IN MEMORY OF
ABNER DAVIS (P. V. Hero)
Sleep, O brave one, in glory's field,
Time to your name shall honor
yield;
The summers shall their blooms
impart.
To fade above each mold'ring heart.

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Student Mouthpiece

Edited monthly by the students of Prairie View College

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CIRCULATION

Charles White, '37; George Larkin, '37; Alvin Grove, '35

Office of Panther... 102 Agricultural Building

I WONDER

A few days ago one of the members of the faculty in speaking to the student body made this satirical remark: "A few weeks ago a speaker on this platform said, 'Youth wants a chance to express itself.' I don't believe it, but I am going to give youth a chance to express itself."

You laughed and I laughed. We thought it was funny. But I wonder, after thinking it over.

Out of a student body of over seven hundred only three students asked a question.

For over seven days an announcement was read regularly in the dining hall asking that students make contributions to "The Panther," your student publication. For over seven days preceding each issue this same announcement has been read. It is interesting to note that out of the three issues of this paper that only four students, not connected with the staff, have submitted contributions.

Yes, I wonder, and especially if the youths at Prairie View want a chance to express themselves.

AYE! AYE! PANTHERS! WE'LL BE THERE

When the Panthers tangle with the Tuskegee Tigers in Houston New Year's Day the student body will be there in numbers and with spirits soaring high. Every single one of you on the field will have one hundred per cent support from Prairie View.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Excerpts from Panther of 1929

The Inter-racial Interest Group of the Y. M. C. A. was organized several weeks ago and is making wonderful progress. The meetings have been centered around some very interesting themes; one of the most interesting was "The Origin and Development of Segregation."

The Prairie View Music department honored Miss Marion Andersen with a luncheon and dance in the college refectory after her recital October 18, 1929. Principal and Mrs. Banks were acting host and hostess.

Samuel W. Prince, or "Sad Sam" Prince, was chosen to lead the 1929 Panther football aggregation. The 155-pound "wonder center" is a very capable person to fill the big shoes left by J. J. Marks, All-American Fullback.

The highest type of education is that that fits one to live successfully in the environment into which his life is thrown; whether it be classical or industrial.

OPEN LETTER TO PRINCIPAL BANKS

Principal W. R. Banks
Prairie View College
Dear Sir:

We, the members of "The Panther" staff, are taking this opportunity to congratulate you for your wonderful accomplishments. First, we wish to congratulate you for being elected President of The Association of the Presidents of Land-Grant Colleges.

The Panther Staff

STUDENT OPINION

All over the Campus one can see improvements being made on walks, and roads. No doubt you have already noticed that every dormitory or main building on the campus has a concrete walk leading to one or more of its entrances, with the exception of Woodruff Hall, the dormitory for Junior and Senior young men.

In face of the above facts, we must keep in mind that the occupants of Woodruff Hall are showing pride in their surroundings by helping to keep the lobby in good condition after the Delphians initiated the project of beautifying Woodruff Hall.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

By Madey Sheperd

Prairie View has an "A" rating from the Southern Association of Colleges?

Mr. O. J. Baker is the only Negro on the advisory committee of the planning committee of the Texas Library Association?

The Prairie View Library received 350 new books this month?

Mr. A. W. Randall is a member of the American Association of Mathematics, and makes contributions to the American Mathematical Monthly, published in Wisconsin? He has made contributions to the National Mathematics Magazine published in Baton Rouge, Louisiana?

Votie Melvin Anderson is working on his Masters' degree in Biology in Iowa State University?

Principal Banks has been elected President of the Association of Presidents of Land-Grant Colleges?

Walton Waller, a graduate of Prairie View, will receive his degree in Veterinary Science in May at Iowa State University?

WHY?

By Maceo A. Sloan

About two years ago the Y. M. C. A. bought a radio. It was used for awhile by the Y. M. C. A. itself. Last term because the Y. M. C. A. did not have a "Y" room any longer, Preston Valien who was then president of the organization placed the radio in the Student Dining Hall.

The music was enjoyed so much that the administration purchased a piano for the Dining Hall so that we might be entertained every day. We indeed have made a forward step because of the progressive idea of Mr. Valien.

Recently the radio has been taken out of the Dining Hall. On making inquiry concerning it, I find that it has been placed in Woodruff Hall. It does not belong to Woodruff Hall. It is the property of the Y. M. C. A. as an organization rather than to a group who was here when it was purchased.

The "Y" entertainment is over. (It was an enjoyable affair). What have the Y. M. C. A. members to look forward to now? The Y. M. C. A. has its various interest groups, including religion, dance, etc., all under very capable leaders.

The only evidence of the Y. M. C. A. as formerly shown is the Forum (and it is a joint project with the Y. W. C. A.). We have not had "Y" meetings, speakers and Y. M. C. A. programs. Notwithstanding the fact that there are more than 200 members of the Y. M. C. A. these cultural contacts have not been attainable.

When we turn to the preparation for the student entertainments in the Dining Hall, we see only two representatives working for them. These two individuals represent two classes. The question naturally arises as to what has become of the other two classes since we have four. We have noticed the two individuals appointing members of all the classes to do certain duties.

Christmas week-end on the campus was filled with much gaiety and enjoyment for those who remained here. The Committee on Christmas entertainment, headed by Mr. C. E. Carpenter, had so completely filled the calendar with dances, teas, parties and hikes, that hardly a minute in the day was free from some sort of entertainment.

Music



Social



Literary

"Y" MEMBERS ENJOY "CIRCUS DANCE"

The annual "Y" dance took the form of a "circus" dance when it was given in the college dining hall on Saturday evening, December 8, between the hours of eight and eleven-thirty.

There was an unusual amount of joy and fun as the gay dancers were entwined in serpentine while they swayed to the beautiful tunes of the Prairie View Collegians.

During the intermission punch and Xmas candies were served. Various colored caps and whistles were the favors.

A very entertaining floor show was presented during the intermission. The numbers were: a tap dance by Miss Bernice Inman, solo by Miss Gwendolyn Moss, tap dance by Mr. John Stanley and solo by Mr. Edison Anderson.

EXCHANGE NEWS

COLLEGE COMMENTS

Is West Virginia State College a Kindergarten for children who have not been taught right from wrong, or is it a college where young men and women have great ideals and are striving to raise the cultural standing of the school?

We are given the opportunity to listen to the achievements of our fellow students and compare them with the achievements of students of other colleges, but do we take advantage of this opportunity? If we do, what then are the reasons for our disorderly conduct.

—Yellow Jacket, West Va. State College

HOLIDAYS AT P. V. FILLED WITH ACTIVITY

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ORIGINAL MUSIC NUMBERS VOGUE ON CAMPUS

In the last month four new musical compositions written by students have been presented to the student group in various ways. The first to appear was "Berona" written by Luther Luper and H. M. Middleton.

"Go Down Death," a sympathetic interpretation of Jas. Weldon Johnson's Poem "Go Down Death" was written by Robert A. Henry and presented in the college chapel during a program presented by the Dilettante Literary society.

On this same program Miss Willie Vivian Hoyt interpreted one of her own numbers, "The Recessional."

These students are to be congratulated upon their accomplishments in this field of endeavor. We hope that they will continue and present numbers from time to time. These worthy endeavors should be an incentive to other students who have musical ability.

Students To Meet With Interracial Commission

The Texas Commission of Interracial affairs has decided to allow student associates to convene with them during their next meetings. This Student Representation will consist of four students, two white and two colored.

Mr. Maceo Sloan, '37 of Prairie View and a young lady from Wiley have been chosen as the two colored representatives. Their associates will be chosen from Sam Houston State Teachers College, Texas Christian University or Southern Methodist University.

With this student representation associating with the Interracial Commission, it is felt that an intelligent and sympathetic understanding of the race question will be developed. In the future, it is hoped and expected that the students of the white colleges will develop a consciousness that there is a problem.

The date for the Commission to convene will not be selected until April, and with intelligent Negro representation, an understanding of the New Negro is expected.

MOVIES, LUNCHEON AND BRIDGE

Wednesday evening, December 26, Dean Saurez entertained with some Xmas Movies. These movies were the Masterpieces of famous artists. Following the Movies, there was a bridge tournament and prizes were given. Refreshments were served.

Our College campus was once a plantation, and old Kirby Hall was the slave owner's mansion?

COLLEGIANS DANCE TOUR COMES TO AN ABRUPT END

Prairie View's famed Collegians left December 21 on their first dance tour of the year. On December 25 the tour was abruptly ended because of the death of Mr. T. J. Charlton of Beaumont, who was the father of Terry Charlton, the first saxophonist.

The Collegians have been two years building up a reputation in the Southwest as being capable of producing a high type of syncopation.

The dance tour that was scheduled for the holidays was as follows: December 21st in Taylor; December 22, Bastrop; Dec. 23, open; Dec. 24, Victoria; Dec. 25, Bay City (German and night dance); Dec. 26, Luling; Dec. 27, Gonzales; Dec. 28, San Antonio; Dec. 29, Beaumont; Dec. 30, Austin; Jan. 1, (Breakfast dance and alumni hop), Houston; and Jan. 3-4, Austin, (for two leading white hotels of that city).

DRAMATIC CLUB PRODUCTION IS BIG SUCCESS

"The Love by Proxy," a three act comedy was presented by the Charles Giplin Dramatic Club, December 7, in the College Chapel. The play was said to be one of the best productions ever presented by the club.

The all-star cast played a major part in determining the success of the play. The major role centered around Miss Madey Shepherd who played her part excellently. The club is planning to present another production in the near future.

P. V. COLLEGIANS ADOPT "NEW" THEME SONG

H. M. Middleton and Luther Luper, third saxophonist and pianist respectively, made an original contribution to the field of music and the Collegians adopted it as their theme song. The title of this contribution is "Berona". Two young ladies were the inspiration for this song. One's name is Bernice and the other's Lona, and the song consequently was called "Berona".

These two young men are to be congratulated upon their initial attempt at composition.

NAUTILUS AND DELPHIANS HOLD JOINT MEETING

The Delphian Literary Society and the Nautilus Club held a joint meeting in the lobby of Woodruff Hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 19. The joint meeting of the clubs was sponsored by the Delphians. The welcome address was delivered by Brother Perkins after which a short program followed. The program was very enjoyable. The purpose of the meeting was to bring closer relationship and a more mutual understanding between the two clubs.

DEATH OF CHEMISTRY INSTRUCTOR SHOCKS CAMPUS

(Continued from page 1) enthusiastic support in any worthwhile movement or project that was

MY FRIEND'S GIFT

The Yuletide comes again this year; Again no gifts have I to send, Except, perhaps, a ray of cheer To some far, forlorn friend.

This ray of Cheer will be to her, Like fragrant frank incense Like shiny gold and pungent myrrh Gifts she can not recompense.

But my friend knows this gift I share As did those ancient Wise Men Three Who brought their gifts to Mary there And hailed the Christ child joyously.

With gratitude my heart will sing And joyous my Christmas will be If on that morn the past will bring A ray of cheer from her to me! —Ruth Eleanor Love, '36

P. V. DALLAS CLUB PRESENTS "THE AMBASSADORS"

On December 9, at 7:00 p.m., the P. V. Dallas Club presented "The Ambassadors" in recital in the College Chapel. "The Ambassadors", a choral group of forty voices from the Booker T. Washington High School, Dallas, Texas, were ably directed by Mr. A. S. Jackson, Jr. and accompanied by Miss Lurlean Turner.

The presentation won prolonged applause from the audience and encores were presented.

This program may well be classed as one of the outstanding programs of the year.

LIBRARY GETS 350 NEW BOOKS; 150 MORE ARE EXPECTED

The library received approximately three hundred and fifty new books last week, dealing with various subjects. These books will be catalogued and placed at your convenience as soon as possible.

Some of the latest publications are included in this order. Approximately one hundred and fifty more have been ordered and are expected soon.

BEAUMONT CLUB PRESENTS MUSICAL AT CHAPEL HILL

Friday night, December 14, the Beaumont Club presented a musical program at the Goodwill School Auditorium in Chapel Hill. The majority of the numbers rendered were Negro spirituals. This program was highly appreciated and prolonged applause marked the close of each number.

sponsored by or at Prairie View. R. P. Perry, head of the Science Department makes the following statement: "Mr. Randall's loss was a considerable shock. It will be difficult to find anyone to fill his position for he was one of the most valuable men in the department. He was one of sterling qualities and possessed the finest type of scientific spirit. The work which he carried on will never be forgotten."

BEAUMONT CLUB APPEARS ON HEMPSTEAD PROGRAM

The Beaumont Club rendered several musical numbers on an educational program at the Sam Schwarz Training School at Hempstead Sunday, December 16. This program was sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association of the Sam Schwarz School. The club has been invited to appear in recital at this school after the holidays.

A "POME"

Maureaux is a croner
With girls for every day
Mary Lou said "This can't go on"
Deborah wouldn't say.

"Red" Lewis is a grand old man
But Marion likes him a lot
We don't know who he likes,
He's seen a lot with Sprott.

Millard and White two boys
From the dear old "Heavenly City,"
The way they play "Checkers"
Is a down right pity.

Those boys from way out-ve State
Pollard, Dennard and "Solly"
Seem to be in line with
Dean, Robinson, and Holley.

Seasons greetings to Kate and
Rosetta
Tom, Dick, Harry, and Sam
We hope that in the New Year
There Won't be a single Ham.

BASKETBALL PROSPECTS LOOK "GREAT"

With the gridiron season rapidly waning, the major interest is gradually being roused to basketball. The goal-loopers, who took no active part in foot-ball, are very anxious to get started, and this year regulars will have to hustle hard to keep their places on the quintet.

Prospects for a banner season will depend upon the following cagers: (Last year's captain) C. Leroy Dennard, Bill "Ally Oop" Pollard, S. "Pee Wee" Ard, W. Hatchett, H. Odom, H. B. Wiley, and Edward Patton.

It is expected that Coach Taylor will build his team around these charges.

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KNOW THE PANTHERS

Co-Captain Thaddeus "Doc Yak" Porter, of Washington High, Houston has earned three letters in varsity football, fulback position. All conference full back '33 and honorable mention '32. One of the hardest driving backs in the Southwest Conference. Holds down the job of ace line-plunger and shares the punting for the Panthers. Played outstanding game of career last New Year's Day when he gained more yards than the entire Langston backfield. "Doc Yak" is playing his last season under the handicap of a severely bruised shoulder.

Next Month—John Henry Thomas, Ex-Captain.

ALONG THE WALKS

Strange as it seems, folk, but did you know that "Bim" had put the roller skates on his home boy Charles White?.....Stephen Prater at last has found the one and only Miss Mayme Whitehouse.....M. E. Williams has left Sadie Jones out in the rain and is now playing Miss Osia M. Joiner jam-up.

Yes sir, Dale Lee breezed in on the hill, and did he cramp Ben Foreman's style—Just ask Miss M. A.

TO THE MOM OF MY SOUL

By Ewitt S. Myers

I
Although she may be old
And her curls turn-ing gray
I'm not a-shamed to say
She's the mom of my soul.

II
On her face may be lines
Point-ed to the De-vine
But I owe her my heart
From Mom, I can't de-part.

Chorus:
If I could paint her hair
As she kneels down in prayer
I'd turn her gray to gold
For she's the Mom of my soul.

III
Whether I can't E-rase
Those lines from her dear face
I'll al-ways Sac-ri-fice
To give her Pa-ra-dise
For there I'll reach my goal
For the Mom of my soul.

Say folks, did you know that Miss J. M. J. had walked out on Chilton Lee?....."Lil" John Madison finally found refuge. Miss J. P. is the vic-tim.

"Bubber" Sterling has gone back home to Miss E. M. M. in grand styel.....At last the "Cow Town" maniac has fallen in love with Miss J. F. of Beaumont.

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