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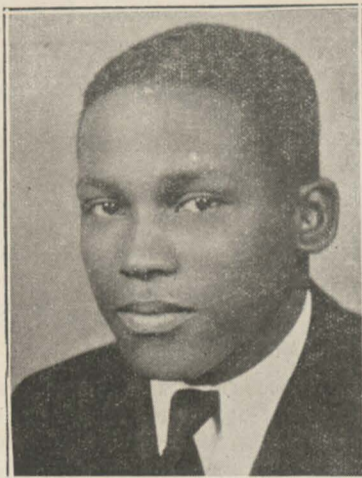
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M. A. President



Mr. I. W. Kaffie, president of Mechanic Arts Club and director of the Fourth Annual Mechanic Arts Open House

M. A. OPEN HOUSE PROVES SUCCESS

Entire Student Body Witnesses Fourth Annual Display

The fourth annual Mechanic Arts Open House was held Friday, March 25, 1938. Each year people wonder how on earth those Mechanic Arts fellows will manage to give the public an exhibition that will surpass the previous one and each year at the Open House they gasp and marvel, "How do they do it?" Now surely there must be a limit some where.

Last year you saw Messers Kaffie, Taylor, Thompson, and Eusan actually record a voice and then play it on a record, all within five minutes. Then you saw and heard them record several numbers by the collegians recorded and played right before your eyes on the chapel stage. You saw even greater feats that night and ate the delicious strawberry sherbet that has become a traditional Mechanic Arts Open House refreshment. Mr. George Harrison "Stump" Williams and his colleagues had wrought a wonder.

But as long as modern science progresses you can expect a better exhibition each year. That is why I. W. Kaffie, the new president and his technocrats and artisans worked so hard to present to

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RACE-RELATIONS DAY OBSERVED HERE

The annual nation-wide Race Relations Day was held here Sunday, February 13, 1938 with Mr. Charles Workman (white) of Austin, Texas delivering the address at the morning services. His subject was "White and Negro Students: What We Can Do For Race Relations in Texas." Mr. Workman stressed the need for cooperation and the concentration of aid in the lower economic levels of our country. He spoke Sunday on appreciable the regular

PHYSICIANS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. T. K. Lawless Again Acclaimed Most Outstanding Speaker

Prairie View College and the College Hospital Staff were hosts to the Second Annual Post Graduate Assembly and Annual Clinic of Negro Physicians in Texas from March 8th through the 11th. The guest lecturers were selected from some of the outstanding medical authorities of the country. Among them were Dr. Roderick Brown, Tuberculosis expert from Pittsburgh, Pa., Dr. C. Leon Wilson, Obstetrics authority, Chicago, Ill., and Dr. T. K. Lawless, Specialist in Venereal Disease, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Lawless was making his second appearance here, and again he was acclaimed the outstanding figure of the assembly. Whenever he was scheduled to lecture there was not standing room to be found in the amphitheater in which the meetings were held. The meetings were well attended by the physicians of Texas, and due to the wide spread interest manifested, the third annual meeting of this sort will be held again next year.

Dr. Lawless also lectured to the men and women of the college at separate meeting on venereal diseases, their remedies and precaution, which proved beneficial to all who attended.

LIEUTENANT OXLEY ADDRESSES GROUP

Before the largest week day audience of the year, Lieutenant Lawrence Augustus Oxley, special assistant to the Secretary of Labor, addressed the faculty and student-body on "The Negro In The Present Economic Crisis."

After being introduced by Professor S. E. Warren, Lieutenant Oxley began his speech by addressing his audience as "friends of the greatest race on earth." "The world," said Mr. Oxley, "is in a period of unrest, suffering from the effects of the depression. The Negro as a minority group has suffered even in normal conditions."

The speaker urged the youth of today to seek employment in the larger industries. He recommended the oil and the food industries. In speaking of the advice that is often given to the youth to go back to the farms the speaker said, "I for one would not attempt to tell any one to go back to the farm until conditions are bettered."

In concluding his speech, the speaker told his audience that regardless of how many white friends the Negro may have there are some things that the Negro must do himself. In order to accomplish these things there are physical fitness, mental alertness, and formal preparation.

Lieutenant Oxley is the author of several books. Two of his books are: "Negroes in North Carolina," and "Capital Punishment in North Carolina." According to the speaker, he was offered a position at Prairie View College in 1926 by Principal Banks.

Sues "Stuff" Smith



Mr. Cameron S. Wells, employee in the Fiscal department, who is suing for the rights of "It's Wonderful."

"STUFF" SMITH IS SUED FOR SONG

Member Fiscal Department Files Suit For "It's Wonderful"

Mr. Cameron S. Wells, employee in the Fiscal Office here, has filed suit for damages growing out of the publishing and recording of the recent song sensation "It's Wonderful" by "Stuff" Smith and the playing of this number by Bennie Goodman in his recent Carnegie Hall Concert at Radio City, New York.

According to Mr. Wells, this number was written eight years ago and had been copyrighted, and he exhibited photostatic copies of the number and the copyright card to substantiate his contentions.

His claims have been placed in the hands of Attorney W. J. Johnson of Houston, Texas who has instituted damage proceedings.

According to the latest reports, the company who recorded the number have promised to pay royalties on the number as required by Copyright laws if his claims are true.

Mr. Wells has written several other numbers, one of which he has sent to Bennie Goodman to audit and use if it is satisfactory.

FACULTY PRESENTS DEBATE

The faculty of the college presented to the student body in chapel Sunday evening, March 6th a highly enjoyable debate on the question, Resolved: "That the national labor relations board should be empowered to arbitrate all labor disputes." This question was well handled by both teams and was both informative and entertaining to the audience.

The affirmative was upheld by Professors J. C. Davis, G. W. Morton, and Captain E. L. Dabney with Miss V. V. Edwards as librarian; and the negative by Professors S. E. Warren, S. B. Taylor, and Mr. C. Lane Martin with Mrs. Agnes M. Scott as librarian. Professors Davis and Warren served as captains of the respective teams.

DR. JAMES WELDON JOHNSON SPEAKS AT GYM OPENING

TEXAS EDUCATORS \$50,000 STRUCTURE MEET HERE

Professor Henry Allen Bullock Principal Speaker At Ninth Conference

Prairie View College was host to the Ninth Annual State Conference On Negro Education Friday, March 18th. The conference was attended by approximately one thousand visitors who came from all parts of Texas. The meetings were held in the recently finished Auditorium-Gymnasium and through the installation of a public address system the proceedings were able to reach all of the vast audience in the spacious building.

Professor Henry Allen Bullock, Professor of Sociology, Prairie View State College, presented the facts revealed in the analysis of the conference topic, "Interrelation of Education Agencies for Negroes in Texas," to the conference. His address proved to be very interesting and beneficial which was well demonstrated by the interest manifested by the audience when the time for questions in reference to the conference topic was held.

Other speakers at the conference were Professor D. B. Taylor, State Department of Education, Dr. Gordan Worley, State Department of Education, Dr. T. D. Brooks, Dean, Arts and Science Division, A. & M. College of Texas, and Professor L. H. Griffin, Superintendent, Bowie County Schools.

Principal W. R. Banks presided at the meetings and music was furnished by the Department of Music under the direction of Professor O. Anderson Fuller with W. H. Bennett and Miss Constance Allen assisting.

MANY REMEMBER PROF. PAUL BLEDSOE

The campus of Prairie View was shocked at the death of Professor Paul Emerson "Uncle Paul" Bledsoe who died in the Prairie View Hospital, Tuesday, February 15, 1938 at 2:00 A.M. after a very short illness.

Death wrote the end for a beloved teacher and friend to all who knew him. He had spent some forty odd years here in the services of the college and had been retired only last year from active work.

Funeral services were held in the college chapel Thursday morning, February 19, 1938 at 10:00 A.M. Principal W. R. Banks presided at the services. The eulogy was given by Professor O. Anderson Fuller and the sermon by Professor Lee C. Phillip.

Burial services were held at the Oak Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas with Fairchild Undertakers officiating.

Address Heard by Huge Crowd of Visitors and Students

By James E. Peterson

Unusual? Great day in the morning, the occasion was phenomenal! Just as one never sees anybody getting rich, marrying the one he loves, and being elected to the presidency of the United States all in one day, one is similarly hardly ever fortunate enough to be an eye and ear witness to such a high grade of mellifluous eloquence displayed in such an artistic and newly erected structure by such a distinctive individual. Truly it was a blessing for all who were present.

Dr. James Weldon Johnson, professor of creative literature at Fisk University, exchange professor in the department of education at New York University, author, statesman, and Negro, in his address entitled, "The Negro: The Test For Democracy In America," revealed not only a personal characteristic of keen powers of analysis and deduction, but many facts, concepts, and opinions that his audience must inevitably deem priceless forever. Dr. Johnson's well defined countenance and forceful presentation blended with the known staidness of our new edifice as two colors of the rainbow at their transitional place; his rare but appropriate and emphatic gestures together with the very significance of the day blended congruently with the beauty and glamour of our handsome gymnasium.

Dr. Johnson stated in his lecture that American, above all nations, (Continued on page 4)

PRAIRIE VIEW HOST TO WALLER COUNTY CITIZENS

The College was host to the citizens of Waller County, February 12, 1938. This was the fourth annual conference of this kind and the citizens of the county turned out in large numbers to it.

Principal W. R. Banks presided over the conference and made a distinct challenge to the citizens in his opening remarks. The theme of this year's conference was "Better Homes" and the theme was stressed in the many demonstrations given by the professors of the College.

The high spot of the conference was the demonstration by the class in rural methods of the College of which Miss A. C. Preston is instructor. Several members of the class made up a community orchestra and rendered several numbers.

The conference closed at noon with a barbecue at the farm shop for the visitors. This barbecue dinner was prepared by the Agricultural Division of the College.

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STRANGE HOW I'M MADE

(Taken from the Los Angeles Times)

It's strange how I'm made—half mystic and half mutt.
 My eyes are upon the stars, my feet deep in the mud.
 One moment I'm kind, big-hearted, understanding, loyal
 The next, tricky and cruel.
 It's inconvenient too, because you're never sure which part is on the job!
 Just when you think you're set to act the saint, something inside goes flop—and there you are, anything but!
 Yet at other times, when you don't care how you behave,
 When you've about decided to let go and be a common tramp,
 Something in you leaps up like a flame, all the muck in you is burned away, and for a flash, you're tall and clean and strong.
 It used to get me once to be like that. I used to hate myself.
 I hate life.
 My pride was hurt. I felt I'd been betrayed by God, who'd made me such a mess.
 What was life worth if one flawed like that—so strong, yet weak, philosopher and fool?
 Yes, once, because I could not be the perfect thing I wanted,
 I hated life. Now I know that flawed lives too are good,
 And serve a purpose in God's kindly plan.
 Only those who've lied can feel a liar's shame,
 And only cowards know the bitter shame cowards know and must face;
 And only those who've failed can understand the fear of defeat.
 So, through my weakness, I possess the key to every heart that's sad, or shamed, or soiled;
 And through my blunders I've found tolerance and pity in the place of my lost pride.
 So, God, I'm glad you made me as I am—mystic and mutt, philosopher and fool; my eyes upon the stars, my feet in mud,
 For I have learned that flawed lives can serve well;
 And I have found both stars and mud are swell!

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRINCIPAL BANKS

The Panther Staff wishes to extend to Principal W. R. Banks congratulations on the completion of our new gymnasium and the securing of Dr. James Weldon Johnson as the guest speaker for its opening.
 No doubt had it not been for the untiring efforts of Principal Banks the massive structure which now graces our campus would not have been constructed. This is a distinct example of the dynamic influence which he is able to yield in order that we may have buildings like the gymnasium on the campus.

The building not only affords accommodations for athletic events, but it's also an auditorium in which the vast number of visitors that are usually present at the numerous conferences that are held on the campus yearly can be accommodated.

A TRIBUTE TO "UNCLE PAUL"

To try to duplicate the fruitful life of Paul Emerson "Uncle Paul" Bledsoe is next to the impossible. He lived such a rich and wholesome life that he was the personification of those qualities that an immortal individual should and must have to exist as such. He was not only an exact image of his own philosophy, but a living example of what every man should strive to be in order to have lived the life for which he was created to live.

WHEN THE ORGAN PLAYED AT TWILIGHT

When the organ plays at twilight
 The soft celestial strains
 Of the sweet, exquisite music
 Enchant me, and the chains
 Of time and place release me.
 All thought of mere existence
 Gives way at the shrine
 Of sweet music when I hear it
 Softly played at evening time.

My soul finds heights beyond the skies
 And depths beneath the sea,
 And I bow my head in reverence
 As my spirit is set free
 Of the bonds of time and space.
 As each new chord is heard,
 And my spirit soars unfettered
 Free as the singing bird.

When the organ plays at twilight
 I can hear the angels sing;
 Then Heaven's all around me
 And I hear those Joy-bells ring,
 And my heart feels close to God.
 Oh, sweet magic spell of music!
 So consoling, so divine;
 Woven by an old pipe organ,
 Softly played at evening time.
 —Alma M. Pennell.

PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NEW CAMERA

The class in Elementary Photography (Physics 313) has gained new impetus with the purchase of a new 4 by 5 Speed Graphic, press type, camera. The camera is fitted with a fast anastigmat F. 4.5 lens, a between the lens compur shutter together with a focal plane shutter. Together they have thirty shutter speeds ranging from one second to one one-thousandth of a second.

The machine will be suitable to take action pictures of football games, track activities, basketball games, and can as well be used for group pictures and portraiture.

Aims of the course: The course in Elementary Photography is an outgrowth of a series of photographic experiments used in the Household Physics class. It aims to enable the amateur photographer to purchase wisely and to finish completely his own pictures. It aims further to develop within the student a working knowledge of photographic optics, photographic chemistry, and orthochromatics.

The course will also be offered during the summer session. The department plans to revamp its photographic laboratory during the coming summer session. Additional equipment which will be available for next year's class will include an Eastman Auto-focus enlarger and a Kalart photoflash synchronizer which will enable one to make night snapshots.

The personnel of the class includes:
 Professor T. W. Jones, Instructor
 Lumpkin C. Benjamin
 Marion Brooks
 R. J. Booker
 Willie Jewel Cole
 T. Samuel Harrison
 Demolesta Jordan
 Leon Mason
 Malissa Pentecost
 Elois Tatum
 Illistine Webster
 James W. Williamsom
 A. C. Koontz, Laboratory Ass't.

HONOR ROLL LARGEST IN SCHOOL'S HISTORY

Announcement from the Registrar's Office disclosed that the largest number of students in the history of the school had made the honor roll for the first semester of this school year.

NAUTILUS CLUB HOLDS PROGRAM

The Nautilus Club of the college presented its annual vesper program in the college chapel Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M. The club is under the presidency of Miss M. A. Suarez and has done many outstanding things on the campus during the years of its operation.

The club presented Mrs. A. B. DeMent, Honorary President of the Texas Etate Federation and Chairman of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, who spoke on the subject "The Woman's Challenge," Mrs. DeMent delivered a very forceful address which not only proved enlightening to the women of the college, but also the men.

GLEE CLUB RETURNS FROM TOUR

The College Glee Club returned March 29 after an extended tour which carried them through Texas and Oklahoma. Members of the party were: Misses Mamie Reed, Anna B. Woods, Lillie Mae Carter, Constance Thompson, M. Dawson, Frances Ellison, Messrs., Charles Charlton, Roscoe Lewis, Thornwell Powell, Maurice Moore, Carly Redus, Willie Williams, E. Watson, Edison Anderson, and Lawrence Pigford. Also in the party were Conductor and Mrs. O. A. Fuller, Mrs. E. L. Sasser and Miss W. C. Curry.

The tour included stops at Texas College, Langston University, Sherman, Wichita Falls, Gainesville, and Fort Worth.

HARRELD CONCERT

The student body was host to Miss Josephine Harreld, an eminent pianist, who presented a morning recital in the new auditorium-gymnasium on March 15. The ease with which she interpreted the compositions of the great composers seemed to have cast a spell over the vast audience.

The afternoon of the same day she was guest at the weekly music seminar at which time she spoke of her experiences while studying here and in Europe.

ITINERARY OF TENNIS TOUR ANNOUNCED

The probable itinerary of the Prairie View College tennis team for the coming summer tour was announced Monday, March 21st by Head Coach C. W. Lewis. The team will play in the Mid-Western Open Tournament which will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, the National Open Tournament, Lincoln University, Chester, Pa. and probable the New York Open Tournament at New York City, New York.

The team for the last three years have participated in the National Open Tournament which was held at West Virginia State College in 1935, Wilberforce University in 1936, and Tuskegee Institute in 1937. During this time Coach Lewis has produced a National Inter-collegiate and National Open singles champion in Lloyd Scott who is now employed in the Fiscal Office here.

Others who have made these tours in the past are; A. E. McMillan, C. A. McDaniels, Hobart Thomas, John Foster, and George Durham. Along with these was Assistant Coach Lawson who previously accompanied the team.

"AMBITION"

By Hobart Taylor

One of the requirements for a successful career is ambition. By ambition, I do not mean an inordinate lust for material goods, nor do I mean a search for the fulfillment of a single ideal. That is unbalanced ambition.

A balanced, worthwhile ambition is one that selects a goal and strives for it without losing sight necessary for intelligent living.

Thus ambition is inextricably combined with achievement. One has only to glance through the pages of history and study the lives of men such as Socrates, Confucius, and Washington, to realize the truth of this statement. These were men who were ambitious, but who were not so ambitious as to exclude all ideals, or to gaze at only the worldly side of life.

Now, there are some who will call these statements impractical. They will say that such ideals clog up the world of reality and impede progress. Superficially, this is true. But an analysis of the indices by which men really measure progress and achievement will show that these ideals are lasting things of life.

You will find that men are called great by others only when they have added to the sum total of the world's culture, when they have assisted other people, and not when they have been parasites taking all and returning nothing.

The issue rises clearly before you. Shall it be personal gain or social well-being, narrow selfishness or active sympathy. The choice is yours.

A FEW THOUGHTS

I have been making a collection of thoughts I would like to remember. Some of them were so charged with meaning that I decided to share them with you. I hope that out of some of them you may gain something which may make your life fuller and happier.

"Books, schools and education are the scaffolding by means of which God builds up the human soul".

—Humboldt
 Let us not live to see how much good we can get out of the world but rather strive to see how much good we can put into it.

—Selecte
 The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt till they are too strong to be broken.

—John
 There is some good in every man and some good everywhere.

—Bai
 Kindness is the golden chain which society is bound together.

—Goe
 Drunkenness places man much below the level of the brute as reasons elevates him above them.

—Sir G.
 He who has learned to suffer will know how to conquer.

A clear conscience can bear any trouble.

—Selected
 Let us have faith that makes us might, and in the faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.

If we not
 but look behind
 thought which
 we shall at last
 to think about