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**President-Elect**



**Dr. G. Lamar Harrison, President-elect of Langston University.**

Dr. G. Lamar Harrison, head of the department of education and director of teacher training at Prairie View State College, was recently elected by the Board of Regents of Langston University as president of Langston. He will assume his presidential duties on January 1, 1940.

His election, coming shortly after the resignation of A. L. Turner, who served as president of Langston for one day, marks, according to reports, the fourth attempt to secure a man to fill the vacancy.

A native of Oklahoma, and a major in the field of education, Dr. Harrison holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University; a Master's degree from the University of Cincinnati; and the Doctorate degree from Ohio State, received in 1936.

Former positions held by him before he came to Prairie View in 1931 are: professor and acting head of the department of education at Virginia Union University, 1922-28; associate professor of education and director of teacher training at West Virginia State College, Institute, West Virginia, 1928-31.

The president-elect of Langston University has been the sponsor of the Alpha Pi Mu Honorary Society of Prairie View State College for the past five year.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL NEWS**

With the approach of the Christmas season, the members of the Y. W. C. A. have gone into a huddle and have formulated plans for a form of entertainment which will strengthen their reputation as followers of Elsa Maxwell in their ability to entertain.

The results seem to be a general "get together" for all members of Y. W. C. A. It will be held in the laundry on Tuesday, December 19, 1939 from 6:30 until 9:00 o'clock.

**Executive Staff of The Panther**



**George W. Lacey, III, Business Manager.**

**P. V. AND XAVIER TO MEET JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Buffalo Stadium Is Scene As Prairie View Panthers Clash With Xavier Gold Rush**

Another chapter in football history will be written in Houston at Buffalo Stadium as the New Year begins when Coach Sam Taylor and his Panthers will match their brain and brawn against the mighty Xavier Gold Rushers from down the crescent way.

What a day this promises to be. Xavier close an almost perfect season. The Xavierites handed Florida A & M, national champs of 38 and Southern Conference Champs of 37 their worst defeat in five years. The Catholics also have added to their list of defeats, Tuskegee, Lane, and a tie with Alabama State.

The Gold Rushers depend largely upon the arm of their aerial wizard, Tommy Miles of Los Angeles, who stands behind a devastating forward wall composed of Burley lad from Port Arthur, Butch Mitchell of Kansas City "Fat Boy" Evans of Van Buren, Ark., and Ran Turner of Franklin La., and Allen Elliott, diminutive quarterback from Norfolk, Va., who boots the pig skin from one end of the field to the other. Our unpredictable Panthers, victims of two defeats and one tie, and with souvenirs of Arkansas State, Southern, Bishop and Tillotson are planning to start the New Year off right.

What a game this is going to be! As the Cadet roll is called, we note Big John Montgomery, potential All-American, "Brown" Leroy Marion, Oklahoma weight-lifter, Curtis Marks, 200 lb. pile driver from Paris, Texas, Little Wolf Brown, fast Oklahoma grey hound, Frank Slider, lucky end from Temple, and Julius White-side, roving guard of Cameron.



**Ethel Alexander, Managing Editor.**

**Y HOLDS FOURTH ANNUAL CONFAB**

**Approximately 100 Members of Hi-Y and Gra-Y Clubs Attend Meeting**

The students and faculty of Prairie View State College were hosts for the fourth time to the Fourth Annual Young Men's Christian Association Institute.

According to Professor G. W. Reeves, chairman of the Findings Committee, there were approximately 160 delegates at the conference. The delegates were representatives of such colleges and cities as Wiley College, Tillotson College, Jarvis College, Prairie View College, Houston, Dallas, Austin, Corsicana, Ft. Worth and Beaumont.

The theme of the Y. M. C. A. Institute was "I will serve at any cost." The Institute was directed by W. C. Craver, Secretary of the Houston branch of the Y. M. C. A.

The first session was held in the faculty meeting room Dec. 8, 7:00 p. m. Inspirational services were led by Emmett Watkins, a Prairie View Student of music. A most inspiring address was given by Dean William J. Faulkner, Pastor of Union Church and dean of men at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

On Saturday, December 9, the conference was divided into four sections, Young Men's Section, College Section, High School Section, and Association Officers and Committeemen. These committees made their reports on Saturday night and the members of the conference joined the Prairie View students and faculty in the Auditorium-Gymnasium at 11:00 A.M. Sunday morning, December 10, to close its Fourth Annual conference. An expression of appreciation was given to Prairie View by one of the delegates. Rev. William J. Faulkner gave another of his inspiring sermons to close the conference.



**J. Hampton Sterling, Editor-in-Chief.**

**P. V. Represented By Six Delegates At Dallas Meeting**

The Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation met in Dallas on December 8 and 9 at the East Dallas Christian Church. Prairie View was represented by 6 delegates at this meeting, two of whom were students. The delegates were: Philip W. Danks, who is secretary to the commission, Mrs. L. W. Rowan, Mrs. J. O. A. Conroy, H. S. Estelle, Nathaniel Hardin and Abee Marie Jones.

The meeting took place in four sessions, the Friday morning, the Friday afternoon, Friday Evening and Saturday morning session. The first session was concerned with business reports. The Friday afternoon session consisted of general discussion of findings of various group meetings and reports from people of different towns concerning things of interracial interest. In this session, Mr. Woods of Sam Houston State Teachers College of Huntsville said that more meetings like the Hollister Conference which is held in Missouri each summer are

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**PRAIRIE VIEW OBSERVES XMAS**

**College Celebrates Season With Very Appropriate Decorations And Entertainments**

With three months of hard study covered and another month on its way, Prairie View students have decided to take the Christmas spirit along with their studies during the month of December.

There are many outward manifestations of gaiety among students in the dormitories and to and from classes. Here and there we find everyone discussing plans for the Christmas holidays. Christmas trees, holly wreaths in windows, beautiful colored windows, and singing of carols give evidence of the yuletide spirit.

Beginning a series of meetings that will be held by the different classes, a group of Freshmen co-eds met in Evans Hall Parlor Sunday night, December 4, to sing Christmas carols. This is an annual event sponsored by Dean Suarez preceding the Christmas holidays.

When we think of Christmas, we should analyze the meaning of Christmas spirit. Is it the giving and receiving of gifts from our relatives and friends? We do not care for a spirit like that. Christmas spirit is a profound consciousness of unselfish giving to those who have not, from the resources of those who have.

The Co-Eds plan to do much to make the holiday season more cheerful and enjoyable.

They plan to sponsor numerous entertainments during Christmas week with "Mama" Green as their able sponsor.

For the benefit of those Co-eds remaining on the campus during the season they plan to give a tea and a whist and bridge party in the parlor of Blackshear Hall.

Young men will also be invited to attend these gatherings, and refreshments will be served to climax the evening's entertainment.

**Christmas As It Would Have Been Described By The Loquacious Mrs. Malaprop**

(Mrs. Malaprop is a fictitious character in literature who always used big words and put them in the wrong places.)

According to my adjudication, there seems to be an emphasized differential between the way I used to expend Christmas and the way the modernities expend it. Now when I was infantile, Xmas was sacramental. We frequented the ecclesiastical house. We were inspirited, awed, actuated by the close propinquity of a divine rejuvenator. It was a pulchritudinous occasion.

But now this is not the occurrence! To the puberty of today Xmas is just a respiratory period,

to them it is that complementary period of inactivity in which a person proceeds into indigence by bestowing gratuitous boons to amiables and kins; in which they partake profusely of spirituous alcoholic beverages; in which they "spoon and neck" to prodigality; in which they "trip the light fantastic" until they become phlegmatic and fatigated — and end the week with a severe cephalalgia and a tin of aspirins.

My pets — take it from the vocal organs of empiricism — the obselete modality of observing the Yuletide is supercilious to the ultra-modern modality.

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"GETTING AND GIVING"

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" is a philosophy as old as the hills—yet how many people believe in it?

Students of Prairie View College, as well as students of many colleges and universities throughout the United States, and the world, are preparing for a season which might well be called the "getting and giving" period. This period is more commonly known as Christmas, the time of Christ's birth.

The question foremost in numerous individuals' minds is—"I wonder what John is going to give me for Christmas," or, "I'm not going to pay very much for his present because he isn't going to give me anything." These narrow minds never once think of the significance of the birth of Christ, a most unselfish gift bestowed upon man by God. The story of a Father giving a beloved Son to the world makes no impression whatever upon the "give-me person." Yet if there were no people who still grasped that intangible something that goes with giving—that splendid feeling of having done something worthwhile—the entire institution of Christmas would collapse.

For one to get more, he must give more; not quantitatively, but qualitatively. In other words, it is not how much one gives, but the spirit with which he gives. Individuals who give qualitatively give with no thought of "getting"; they do not merely exchange gifts.

On December 20 Prairie View's student population will go home to anxious mothers, fathers, and loyal guardians who have continually given them the necessities which have aided them to maintain their status as students. Students, how much have you given?

HONOR IN COLLEGE

The word "honor" or "honour" may be defined in many ways. It may mean "a ceremonial sign of consideration, as civil honors"; "Social courtesies, as, to do honors to the table,"; a title applied to the holders of certain civil offices, as, His Honor the Mayor"; or "a nice sense of what is right, just, and true, as, a man of honor." Here we are concerned with the latter definition.

The above title might seem a bit out of place and strange for the word honor at Prairie View has the same meaning throughout the U. S. However, here we are not concerned so much with the definition or meaning of the word, but we are interested very much in developing and maintaining those traits of character that are essential to living an honorable life.

As college men and women, we are often tempted to do many little things that are not honorable, but because we consider them as "little things" we do them without the feeling of guilt. Such things as cheating in class, and violating any number of college rules. Many of us have practiced cheating in class so long that we have reached the point that we feel that there is nothing wrong with "riding a pony." Again there are those who are conscious of the fact that we are doing wrong, but we attempt to justify our cheating on the grounds that it is necessary for us to pass a certain course.

Whatever the circumstances are we all know that we are cheating. We also know that cheating is not a part of an honorable life. And, if cheating is not a part of an honorable life, then, as college men and women, we are defeating the purpose of education. Dewey, the well known philosopher, says that education is life. We are not preparing for a life to come but we are living now. Thus those

A Panther Wish

Coleman



PROSE AND POETRY

CHRISTMAS PROSE AND POETRY

The world is so full of confusion, turmoil, hate and war that it takes courage to write about the Christmas Spirit with its heavenly note of Peace and Good Will. And yet there is nothing more worth writing about and nothing else as important for the citizens of the world to read about.

When Christ was born in Bethlehem there was no room for Him in the inn, and this incident seems to be a parable of what has been happening ever since. He is crowded out by the over-busy, hurrying, nervous, frantic world. Men have no time in the eager rush of business and affairs to settle down into inward quiet and peace and to find and feel the significance of His way of life, His coming here, His penetrating spirit and power.

Christmas which revives in us the memory of his birth, His life, His way, His love and His truth, ought to give a halt to our rush and speed and give the soul its needed holiday of refreshment and revival.

Charles Hamilton Sorley, in that little thin volume of poems which is all that his early death has left us of his rare genius, wrote: "I have a self I never yet have met." This is so true of most persons in the world. We have the well-known, familiar self that our friends all know, the self we see in the glass, the one we dress and undress mornings and nights. But the deeper, truer, possible self, what Sorley calls "the inner and external me," we fail to find, to meet, to make real and dominate. It takes peace and quiet and calm for that. This achievement of inward peace, this holiday of the soul is the only way to establish peace in the outside world.

The familiar translation of the Song of the Angels on the first Christmas morning has led us astray. It announces "Peace on Earth, and good will among men."

little cheating traits we are now practicing are a part of our life and to the extent that we practice them, to that extent they become more firmly a part of our lives and will be carried over to our lives after we have left the college campus.

So as college men and women (men and women are honorable) trying to become educated, we should do "that which rightfully attracts esteem, as dignity and courage, excellence of character; in men, integrity, uprightness; in women, purity, chastity."

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Wake up men! Wake up and listen, To the hello of Christmas ring, And the voice of men uplifted Spreading the joy the season brings.

Listen to the sacred carols And the ringing of the chimes Filling all the land with music And the joy of Christmas times.

Think you of many people In this Sin-Cursed world today? That some gift of yours might bring Happy days along his way.

Look about your neighborhood Find the needy and the poor Let the lonely ones be happy Leave a gift before their door.

In the world of strife and malice It is hard for one to smile But the precious gift of friendship Will endure a long long while.

This day should at least be revered Sacred though the universe; On this day a child was given To redeem us from a curse.

There are men so worldly minded That they use this blessed day Drinking, Gambling, Celebrating, In a most ridiculous way.

Shame on you! you wayward nations Life for you will not be long, And your children long will suffer Cause their Fathers trained them wrong.

So when this blessed Christmas morn Breaks the glorious dawn again Let us march up life's broad highway Full of love and hand in hand, es fileiff

Why not translate it "Peace on Earth among men of good will," if we can get this holiday of the soul, we shall have a world stabilized with peace.

P. V. PROFESSOR GIVES TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PERFECT '40

1. Seek first the kingdom of God.

Only by persistent, unremitting, straightforward toil; by turning neither to the right nor to the left, seeking no other pursuit or pleasure than that which cometh from God, can you win and wear the faithful. — Mary Baker Eddy.

2. Take advantage of your present opportunities.

To use to the utmost your present opportunity is the only sure stepping stone to something better. — H. R. Haweis.

3. Start at the bottom and work sedulously to the top.

From small beginnings come great things. — Dutch proverb.

4. Continue in one direction.

The power of a man increases steadily by continuance in one direction. — Emerson.

5. Keep climbing.

If you can't scale the mountain, you can't view the plain. — Chinese proverb.

6. Do not let your heart become impatient.

Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. — Solomon.

7. Be all means be sincere.

Sincerity is more successful than genius or talent. — M. B. R. dy.

8. Let love be your guiding spirit.

Comings what may, hold fast to love. Though men should rend your heart, let them not embitter or harden it. We win by tenderness; we conquer by forgiveness. — F. W. Robertson.

9. Be considerate of the impunities of mankind.

Unless you bear with the faults of a friend, you betray your own. — Syrus.

10. Above all things learn to "take it".

Less depends upon what befalls us than upon the way in which we take it. — Schopenhauer.

OLLY CHRISTMAS

Christmas bells and Christmas trees, Christmas wreaths of holly, Red polka-dotted in a vase Mistletoe—for folly.

Tinsel sparkling on the tree, Parcels on the floor; Everywhere the door-bell rings There will be some more.

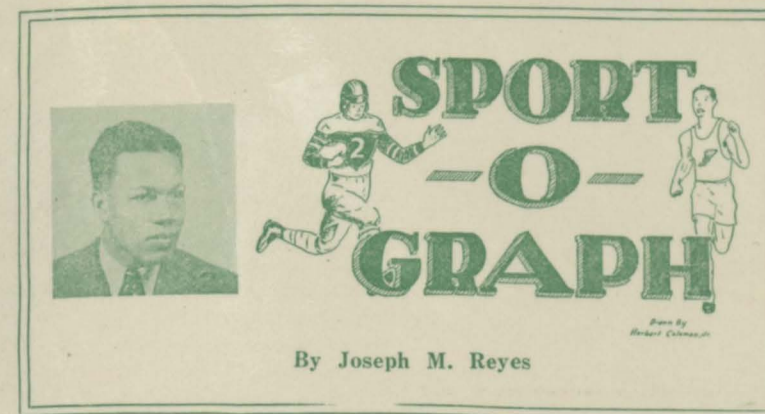
Christmas cards, the postman brings, Everybody sends Wishes for good health and cheer, Before the old year ends.

Fire flaming on the hearth, Snow upon the ground, Greetings passing between friends As they stop around.

Snow and friends and candlelight, Mistletoe and holly, Gifts and trees and scarlet flowers— Why not translate it "Peace on Earth among men of good will," if we can get this holiday of the soul, we shall have a world stabilized with peace.

Then be ye glad, good people, This night of all the year, And light ye up your candle, for His star it shineth clear.

And all in earth and heaven A joyous carol sing For lo! to us a child is born, And all the bells do ring. —Selected.



Time marches on and so your scribbling scribe is back with you again. Let's see what's going on.

I called the P. V.-Langston game, 13-10 in favor of P. V. The game ended 7-7. Despite this tie, the Panthers were not overrated in the prediction, because they ran all over Langston.

Final Standings in the Southwest Conference
Langston University 5 0 1 .917
Prairie View College 3 2 1 .583
Arkansas State College 3 2 1 .583
Wiley College 3 3 0 .500
Bishop College 2 2 2 .500
Southern University 1 4 1 .250
Texas College 1 5 0 .167

After All

Considering everything, I think we had a pretty fair season; however, as conference champs, it would have been much better. But after all we tied for second place with Arkansas and sweetest of all, we came out ahead of Wiley, our traditional rival, whom Bishop pulled back down to third place on Thanksgiving Day. Speaking of Wiley, I read in the papers that the Wildcats hitch-hiked all the way to Florida to get smacked to the tune of 42-0 by the Florida A. & M. Rattlers.

Xavier-Prairie View
Next on the 1940 almanac, we have Xavier on New Year's Day. On paper it would seem that we're just even. Langston beat Xavier 3-0, and we beat Langston. But on the other hand, Wiley beat us 13-6, and Xavier triumphed over Wiley 6-0. So take your choice. U. C. L. A.-U. S. C.

Misfortune
Bad luck for some reason or other seems to be our favorite god. First Bailey, Panther guard, broke his arm before the Arkansas game, and now comes Rhodes with a broken leg as a result of the Southern game. This means that for the New Year's game, either Dubois Richardson or John Burton will have to hold down the center position.

Intra-Mural Football
Looking on at the Senior-"Crab", six-man football game, a while back, the Crabs showed plenty of power, and should be a real treat for the Intra-mural championship. I pick the Juniors as the darkest of dark horses, with a chance of being the surprise team of the season.

Boxing Team
Coach Taylor says that if he can work up enough interest among the men, he will organize a boxing team to fight in the Southwest conference, and the best fighters will have an opportunity to go to the Golden Gloves Tournament in Chicago. Among the men now working out are "Hogman" Howard, Shelly Blocker, Percy Rogers, John Snow, and "Peoria" Dickson. Here's your chance, if you think you can box.

This and That
I'm told that there will be a real aerial battle when Wister Lee, our pitcher, meets Tommy Mills, Xavier passing sensation. More bombs will fall over Buffalo Stadium than the Nazis dropped in Poland. If you get a chance, read "Sportatively Speaking," a sports commentary column by Leon Richardson (P. V. Grad) in the December 9 issue of the Houston Defender. Isaac Nelson, P. V. guard, made a touchdown in the Southern game, recovering a blocked kick over the goal line.

That's all for this time, except for this prediction on the Xavier-P. V. tilt—Xavier 6, P. V. 7.

PANTHERS DOWN SOUTHERN
The colorful and powerful P. V. Panthers thoroughly proved to football fans that they are the uncrowned champs of the Southwest by downing Southern University 13-0 before a crowd of some 4,000 at Scottsbluff, La., December 1.

Southern's lone threat came in the second period, on a series of passes which put the ball on the Panther five-yard stripe. Here P. V.'s forward wall, held them for two downs.

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Left to right: Front Row—John Whitlow, Laurence Hightower, Fred Smith, George Phillips, F. L. Haynes, Q. T. Banks, Art Lily, A. Gilkerson, Ike Benjamin, General Hamilton, O'Neal Baldwin. Second row—Dr. E. B. Evans, Bob Rayford (Manager), Jacques Patterson, DuBois Richardson, R. B. Howard, Curtiss Marks, Leroy Marion, John Horton, Frank Slider, Wister Lee, Richard Cannon, John Cooley, Robert Smith, Julius Whiteside, Herbert Bailey, Coach Taylor, Asst. Coacher Booker. Third row—John Burton, John Montgomery, Isaac Nelson.

P. V. Panthers Tie Langston 7-7

Before a home Coming crowd of some 2500 half-frozen fans, the P. V. Panthers and the undefeated, and untied Langston Lions fought to a 7-7 standstill here November 25.

Led by Tate, Lion speed Merchant and Gayles, the Langston Lions moved to the six inch line early in the first period, but were held to four downs by the P. V. forward wall Recovering a fumble by Patterson on the 10 yard line, Tate passed to Pierce for the payoff. Gayles converted and Langston led 7-0.

Coming back, the Taylormen, led by "Big" Hopkins, "Wolf" Brown pushed and passed to the Langston's 18 yard line. From here Lee passed to "Big" Hopkins for the P. V. marker. Brown converted and the game stood 7-7.

The half ended 7 all. In the second half, the Panthers twice marched deep into Lion territory, but were unable to cross the goal line.

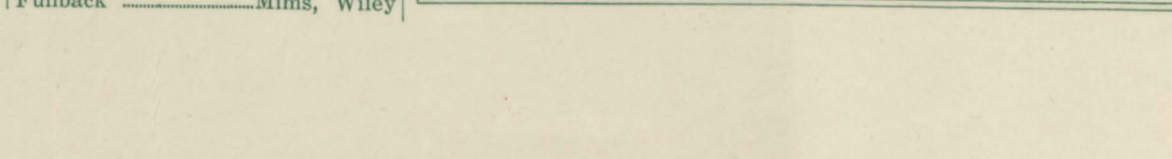
"Wolf" Brown gave the great Gayles, Lion kicker, a battle in the punting department averaging 36 yards a try to Gales 39 yards a boot. The Panthers gained 105 yards in the air, to Langston's 54 yards. On the ground P. V. gained 140 yards to Langston's 90 yards, of first downs, P. V. 10, Langston 3.

By virtue of their tie, Langston remained the only major undefeated Negro school in the nation, and thus can claim the national championship.

All-Opponent Team Picked By Squad

The all-opponent team is composed of the most versatile individual performers the Panthers have met during the past season. Langston and Wiley each placed three men on the team, Arkansas two, while Bishop, Southern and Texas College placed one player. The all-opponent appears below.

- All-Opponent Team
Left End—Lewis, Arkansas
Left Tackle—Walker, Southern
Left Guard—Swain, Langston
Center—Upchurch, Wiley
Right Guard—Bannet, Texas
Right Tackle—Gray, Langston
Right End—Hicks, Wiley
Quarterback—Walters, Bishop
Left Half—Allen, Arkansas
Right Half—Tate, Langston
Fullback—Mims, Wiley



**KANDID KAMPUS KOMMENTS**

Dear Santa Claus,

There are several poor little boys and girls on our campus who are badly in need of some Christmas cheer. These boys and girls have been here all the year and some of them for three years without catching a single sweet-heart.

Please! Oh please, Mr. Santa Claus! Bring the following young ladies a boy friend: Clarence Lillian Flint, Janet Lawton, Gwendolyn Mosley, Susie Geters, Mildred Navy, Doris Sampson, Lillian Givens, Jimmie Carothers, Christine Roberts, Bertha Means, Freddie Terrell, Bessie Dugart, Delores Quarles, Betty Merrill, and Charlotte Patton.

And, Santa, the following men would appreciate the gift of a girl friend: Lowell Jones, C. B. Bunkley, Charlie Simms, Charles Graham, and Gus Lyons.

Now, dear Santa, Helen Johnson, Marguerite Howard, Mattie Davis would like to say thanks for "such men" as Curtis Session, Maurice Moore, and Vernon Punch. They feel that if there were more men like these three, the girls in the senior class would be much happier.

The following couples, Santa, are pleading with you to bring them more happiness for 1940 than they enjoyed in 1939: Webster-Marks, McLemore-Lee, Williamsson-Caldwell, Hodges-Levine, Splane-Monroe, Brittain-Mervin, Cleaver-Brooks, Hardin-Browne, and Roberts-White.

Now, dear Santa, because we have the Christmas spirit, we are not going to give a report of the bad boys and girls for this time, but we warn them to be careful during the coming year. This includes: George Lacey, Marguerite Howard, Helen Johnson, Margaret Townsend, Christine Roberts, Joe Reyes, and the occupants of room 210.

And now Santa, we hope for all a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Yours,

"Snooping Sal"

Olivia Davis, Alvernon Nicholas, Modestyne Hasting, and Marguerite Townsend, when do you show your seniority?

Curtis Session, why not take a pre-med course and grow up several inches for Miss Johnson?

Delores Quarles, what happened at the eve of an interesting affair? Wister Lee and Miss McLemore.

Where is Joe "Chew" Rayes chewing these dayes?

Lee Gilbert is going Junior-ish. Why not take advantage of the senior garden?

We sincerely do miss our "social butterfly"—Miss Ethel McPeters. The campus is at rest.

Captain Punch is lonely. Why not socialize? Are you saving yourself for her?

We miss ex-glamor girl Betty Merrill, too

Marguerite Carter, just a hint: Christine may like you best with the sloemness.

Marnell Splane and J. C. Monroe seem to monopolize Anderson Hall parlor. Why not take Junior privileges?

Gwendolyn Mosley, Wilhelmina Greene, why not desert the cuts. We need your space.

"Cacinta" Deon, the Spanish-speaking Romeo of Woodruff Hall is more moon-eyed than ever. Is it "Little Sister" or the blues "Cacinta"?

Mr. J. H. Williamson has apparently gone out for structural formations. Notice the parallelogram he is making with Ruby Taylor, Charlotte Patton, and Florine Easley.

The Electric Master Mind, Lamar Caldwell, better known as "Caleyhoun", is making a great come-back. Watch out Jeanette.

**P. V. REPRESENTED BY SIX DELEGATES IN DALLAS**

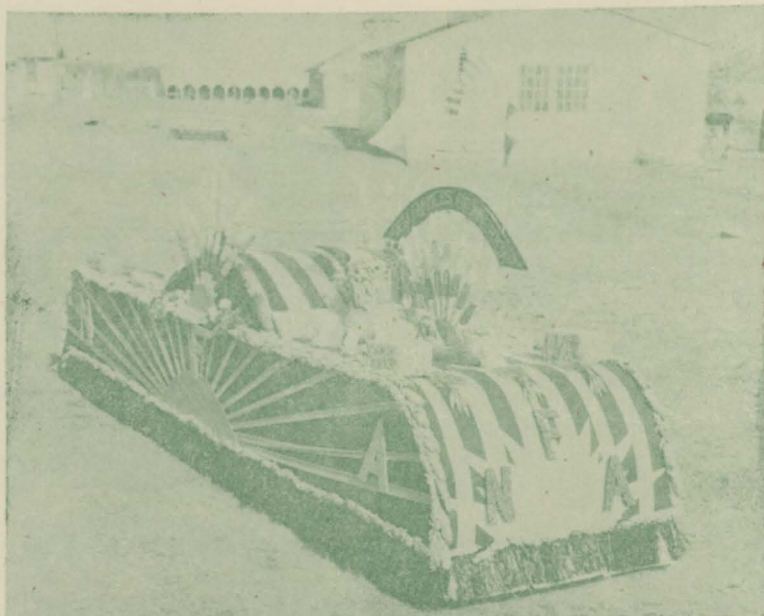
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needed or it is necessary to get more of our youth to Hollister so that white and Negro youth can come in contact with each other and understand each other as individuals in spite of all the prejudices that have grown up in them. (If you recall, the October issue of the Panther carried a feature story on the Hollister Conference written by a Prairie View student who attended this conference last summer.) Mrs. Nettie Myers, of the state department of child welfare of the division of Public Welfare reported on what has been done and what they are planning to do in relation to the state orphan's home for Negro children which located in Gilmer Texas. The participation of student delegates in this session consisted only of asking questions or making an occasional statement.

The Friday evening session included on its program, music by the Wiley College Chorus and addresses by O'Hara Lanier and Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames. After the chorus had completed their rendition, the audience gave them an encore. Dr Lanier addressed the assembly on the subject "Democracy, Race Relations and Christianity at the Crossways". Among the important points

brought out by him were: The recognition of talent regardless of race, color or creed is democracy; democracy is on trial more than ever before in the Southern part of the United States due to problems that have developed; one of these problems is — the new industrial revolution coming with organized labor, discriminating against Negroes which is resulting in some of the South's best talent being lost to the North, East and West; the problems of the South are not limited to race, but become a problem of democracy. He concluded by saying that we must see to what extent we can solve problems of economics by interracial cooperation. Christianity is Democracy at practice, if democracy is at the crossroads, Christianity is also.

Mrs. Ames, general field secretary for the commission on interracial relationships, used as her subject for discussion, "Each According to His Needs." An individual's needs are determined by the person who pays his wages. What right has one person to determine the needs of another? Negroes should be interested in any force which determines their needs. In speaking of ones needs being determined for him, she mentioned Prairie View whose needs are determined by the state legislature. Prairie View was mentioned because it is the state school.

**An Impressive Homecoming Float**



This float was entered in the Annual Homecoming Day parade by the N. F. A. club.

**MUSIC**

The Music Department under the direction of Mr. O. A. Fuller reports one hundred per cent employment among Music Majors who graduated during the 1938-39 session. These students are now working in many parts of the country in their various fields.

Mrs. Frances Ellison-Norton has two private studios in Houston, Texas. Miss Myrtle Thompson is teaching in an N Y A School in San Francisco, California. Miss Dorothy MacBay is teaching in the high school at Columbus, Texas. Mr. Calvin Boze is teaching in the high school at Goose Creek, Texas. Miss Annabelle Woods is teaching in the high school in Denton, Texas. Miss Julia Madison is teaching at Nacogdoches, Texas. Miss Berryssa Randall is teaching at Linden, Texas. Miss Nadine Neal is teaching at Longview, Texas and Miss Ruth Boyd is teaching at Rockdale, Texas.

The Music Department under the direction of Mr. O. A. Fuller is progressing rapidly in its program for the 1939-40 session. There is an increase in interest on the part of students and many new members have been added to the various organizations in this department. Two student recitals will be presented Thursday afternoons December 7-14, respectively. Students of voice, piano and other instruments will appear on this program. On December 17, the department of music will present its annual musical in the gymnasium-auditorium. The organizations that will take part are the chorus, A Cappella Choir, Glee Club, and String quartet.

The Glee Club appeared on the State Teachers Association College Musicale in Houston, Texas. Mr. Nicholas Gerren, violinist, accompanied by Miss N. C. Allen also appeared on the Omega Psi Phi Achievement broadcast over K X Y Z in Houston, Texas under the direction of Mr. O. A. Fuller.

Music majors who have returned from practice teaching are Misses Ruth Williams and Doris Sampson at Racoon Bend and Sunnyside, respectively.

Each Wednesday at four o'clock records will be played for students who wish to listen at the studio.

**THE ALPHA PHI MU**

The Alpha Phi Mu Honorary Scholarship Society has decided to direct its brilliance into other channels which will allow for pleasure from relaxation instead of pleasure from studying.

This decision has led to plans for a pre-Christmas tea, which will be held in the parlor at Blackshear Hall on Thursday evening, December 14, from 8:30 until 10:00 o'clock.

Every member is expected to attend, for the society feels that the holiday spirit can be most successfully entered into as a result of association with this lively group.

This represents the first entertainment which the society has attempted for the year; however, others will follow which are expected to be equally as enjoyable.

The society takes this opportunity to invite new members in order that no student will be exposed to the reception of such values as its entertainments offer.

**THE ANNUAL**

For the third time in its history, Prairie View College is publishing an Annual which has aroused the interest of the entire faculty and student body.

Solicitors from each class work fervently each month to secure subscriptions for the Annual. Everyone wears a tag "I have done my part" when he makes the first payment on the Annual.

This book is to have approximately two hundred pages. Individual pictures of the student body and faculty members will be included, along with members of various organizations on the campus, buildings, and work scenes.

In order to influence the selling of subscriptions, the Annual Committee has on an "Annual Loyalty Drive." At the end of the first drive the Junior Class was in the lead, and at the end of the second drive the Freshman Class was in the lead.

Without doubt, there is nothing but success for the publishing of the third Prairie View State College Annual, because everyone on the Campus seems to have the "Annual fever."

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

"Mathes "Peoria" Dickson is wrapped in the throes of a new romance! The lucky girl? Miss Edna N. Smith of Houston, Texas.

**Science News**

The Beta Pi Chi Scientific Society held its first initiation ceremony for the current year Thurs., November 23, 1939

Twenty-three eager applicants paraded the campus clad in white togas and dunce caps with the black Beta Pi Chi emblem across their chests. At 8:00 o'clock these same applicants, with grave apprehension, were duly initiated into the Society, after which they were entertained by the Senior members.

Much credit goes to T. W. Jones, sponsor, for his capable assistance in making the initiation ceremony successful.

The program of the Society for the current year far exceeds any other in its history, and the interest of the members and Sponsor is so manifold that all other campus groups should take note of this organization. Watch out for the Beta Pi Chi!!!

Dr. E. Patterson Perry, head of the department of science and acting Director of the division of Arts and Sciences, was the speaker at the Science Seminar Monday, December 4 at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Perry lectured on "Chemotherapy," stressing the work and limitation of the research chemist in producing various drugs for the elimination of pathogenic organisms without having a toxic effect upon the body itself.

**CUTS**

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