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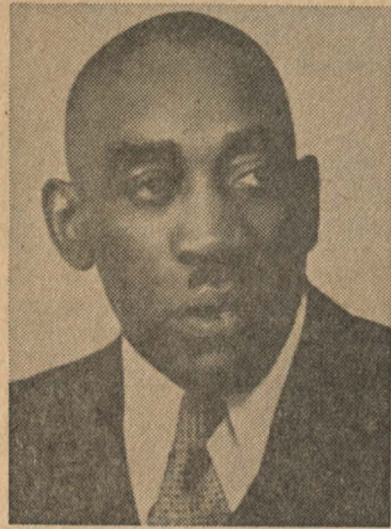
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REV. E. C. ESTELL
Commencement Speaker

Seniors Elect Class Favorites

In a meeting of the group held recently, members of the Senior Class 1957 voted for the following class favorites:

Most collegiate and all around, Holland Bynum and Bobbie Nicholson.

Best Vocalist, T. C. Carter and Algerita Spencer.

Best Actor and Actress, Lee Odom and Betty Dennis.

Best Dressed, Samuel Houston and Mary J. Brackens

Most Popular, Holland Bynum, Brenett Sherman and Jo Ella McCauley

The Coolest, Lazack Hughes and Zoia Scott;

Best Dancers, Julia King and Alton Boatner;

Most Likely to Succeed, Samuel Houston and Bobbie Nicholson;

The Prettiest Girls, Loyce Nickerson and Jean Rickett;

The Most Handsome Fellows, Prentis Williams and Charles Garcia;

The Friendliest, Claude Smith, Jo Ella McCauley and George Chapman;

Best Physiques, Mary C. Beasley and Prentis Williams Athletics

Football, Heron Tibbs
Basketball, James Gamble
Track, James Gamble
Golf, Lewis Marshall
Tennis, Fred Burnett
Baseball, Charles Garcia

The craziest, Claudette Williams and Holland Bynum

Couples Most Likely to Marry, Barbara Holland and Milton Palmer; Esterlene Wilborne and Herman Williams.

Approximately 300 to Receive Degrees In Seventy-Eighth Annual Commencement Exercises On May 19, 1957 At Prairie View

The Registrar's Office has announced that some three hundred (300) persons have applied for graduation during the Spring Commencement Exercises scheduled on May 19. Thirty-eight Masters degrees will be awarded and twenty-six have applied for various certificates.

Reverend E. C. Estell, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will be the commencement speaker. He has served as minister for the large Dallas church for the past twenty years and is well-known through Texas and the nation in religious and educational work.

President E. B. Evans will award degrees and honors to the graduating class.

Parents Day is also observed during the same day. The college extends a special welcome to all parents to attend the joint baccalaureate and commencement and make use of the spacious campus

for picnics and get togethers with students.

Other features of the program will be the formal commissioning of officers in the U.S. Army and annual Alumni Awards for outstanding community service.

An Editorial

On Exercising Our Right to Vote

The closing issue of The Panther closes--in sorrow--sorrow indeed. We have complimented, and we have condemned and criticized the college constituents, and we are sorry that there has been a greater necessity for for condemnation and criticism than for compliments.

In reference to the recent election for "Miss Prairie View", another great fault among the student body should be mentioned. The evil spoken of has been going on unchallenged for several years; however, it is felt that it should be brought into the open after so long a time. This fault is that from among approximately 3000 students on the campus only a very small per cent participates in the elections which should be thought of as certainly worth a few minutes of one's time. The queen selected as Miss Prairie View should be one representing P. V., and not 800 students of Prairie View. (May we point out here that we do not feel that the results of the election would have been different had the entire student body turned out for the election, for that is quite immaterial to us). In a democracy (and this institution is supposed to be one) we have the privilege of voting for the candidate which we would like to represent us. Here we should by all means take advantage of this opportunity. If our queen had been selected by the faculty, some committee, or some other "select few", and if the choice made were not coherent with the one desired by the student body, grumbling, mumbling, degrading the administration, and every type of complaint which complainers have invented would now be employed. If the queen had been chosen by one of the previously named groups, some would feel that the college is not represented, and we had the privilege of our own choice, yet the college is still unrepresented.

Perhaps there are some who assert: "So what? This is only a minor thing." But this is the "minor thing" which is duplicated, although in a modified form, frequently by citizens of a democracy--the failure to vote. And this is far from being inconsequential! For daily we feel the affects of such political negligence, and the chief complaints concerning government come from those who allow someone else to decide their representatives for them and did not have the interest to elect for themselves.

It is difficult for one to assume that students will make a complete change in this respect after college.

If the principles of democracy are not instilled by the time one has completed a college education, what is there in general life to instill them?

Gamble Wins at Drake Relays

James Gamble, PV champion broad jumper won the broad jump at the Drake Relays with a jump of 24' 4".

The versatile athlete represented Prairie View in the famed relays held recently in Des Moines, Iowa.

Gamble is out to break further records in the Southwestern Conference meet at Baton Rouge, La. The SW Conference meet record stands at 24' 11" which was established by another Prairie View great, Eurell, Davis.



ADELE ADDISON

Adele Addison, soprano, has been acclaimed on both coasts as the possessor of one of the finest voices of today. "A particularly expressive soprano, warm and vibrant," wrote a Cleveland critic, after hearing her as one of the soloists in the December Show production of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis.

Taubman, in the New York Times for January 28, 1957 in commenting upon Miss Addison's Town Hall recital stated: "Here was singing wholly at the service of the composer. The voice was admirably placed, controlled and shaded . . . Miss Addison's soprano has delicacy of texture and glowing warmth. She has learned to file it down to any size and to use it with assured flexibility."

Fine Arts Week Featured Famed Soloist, April 30

Fine Arts Week was observed at Prairie View A. & M. College from Sunday April 28, through Saturday, May 4.

Events of the week included:
Sunday: A musical recital by Group of Students — Auditorium Gymnasium — 7:00 P. M.

Monday: Prairie View Collegians in Concert — Mr. L. L. Bowden Administration Building Portico — 6:00 P. M.

The History Clinic presented Miss K. N. Jordan, Department of Music and Misses Dorothy and Wilda Simms — "Modern Music" — 6:30 P. M. — Suarez Lounge
Student Dance Recital — Miss L. Hatcher — Gymnasium — 8:00 P. M.

Tuesday: Concert — Adele Addison, Soprano — National Artists Corporation — Gymnasium — 8:00 P. M.

Wednesday: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presented Texas Southern University Choir — Dr. Nicholas Gerren, Director — Gymnasium — 8:00 P. M.

Thursday: Charles Gilpin Players presented "The Giocondo Smile" — Mr. James B. Randolph — Gymnasium — 8:00 P. M.

Saturday: Beaux Arts Ball (General Student Dance) — Gymnasium — 7:30 P. M.

Lillian Jackson Elected as Miss Prairie View for 1957-58

April 24, 1957 was an important day which turned out to be not so important in that very little interest was shown by the majority of the students for the student body of Prairie View. That day marked the annual election of a campus queen, "Miss Prairie View".

Seven candidates entered the race to compete for the coveted title. Competing were Eddie Thompson, Ida Brown, Dorothy Sims, Lillie Conley, Daisy Allen, Mary McKnight and Lillian Jackson, Miss Prairie View for '57-58.

A total of 882 votes was cast in the election with 877 accounted for; five being rendered void because of more than one choice being selected. Perhaps the inclemency of the weather on the election

date can be given as one reason for the very few votes cast.

Receiving higher number of votes than any other candidate in the race was lovely Miss Lillian Jackson with a total of 244 votes. Mary McKnight, who gave Miss Jackson a tight race, was second with 230 votes; Eddie Thompson placed third in the contest with 154 votes. The second and third place winners will serve as first attendant and second attendant to the queen respectively.

The remaining 249 votes were distributed among the other four candidates: Ida Brown, 121 votes; Dorothy Sims, 77; Lillie Conley, 42; and Daisy Allen, 9 votes.

Miss Vera Brooks, sophomore queen, polled a total of 674 votes
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LILLIAN JACKSON

"MISS PRAIRIE VIEW"

College Calendar

A, AA, and AAA Interscholastic League — May 4

Honors Day — May 9

Housing Conference — May 11

Junior-Senior Prom — May 11

Open House — May 12

Senior Week — May 13-18

President's Tea — May 14

Alumni Day — May 18

Commencement and Parents Day
May 19

Training School Commencement —
May 20

Final Examinations — May 20-24

Second Semester Closes — May 25



SELECTED TO REPRESENT P. V. . . Miss Lillie Conley, 20, a junior majoring in elementary education, was selected by the Panther Staff to represent P. V. in the ten "Best Dressed College Girls" in America contest sponsored by Glamour Magazine. Miss Conley was also a candidate in the recent "Miss Prairie View" contest.

ROTC Field Day Impressive

Again this year under the dynamic leadership of Lt. Colonel Thomas H. Wright, the annual R.O.T.C. Field Day proved to be the most impressive event of the school year. The event was enjoyed immensely by all of the spectators who witnessed it.

Captain Edward H. Soulds was the Official in Charge of the Novelty Events. The 1st place winner were: Carlos Moon, James Giddings and Leonard Williams of Co. "B" in Weapon Schamble; "F", Dizzy Izzy Relsy; Company "G", Dodge Ball; Company "E", Obstacle Relay; and Company "B", Tug of War.

Captain William U. Corbett, Jr., was the Head Judge of the Weapons Competition. The 1st Place winners in the Weapons Competition were: Billy Dorsey of Co. "G", Assemble and Disassembly of the Carbine Rifle; Carlos Moon of Co. "B", Assemble and Disassembly of U. S. Rifle, M-1; Willie Shepherd and Alfred Hinton of Co. "G", Assemble and Disassembly of BAR;

Major Seth D. Finley was the Officer in Charge of the afternoon events and Major LaVon E. Smith was the Officer in Charge of the Drill Competition.

Louis Parker of the Regimental Drill Team was selected as Best Drilled Cadet.

Charles Clarkson of Co. "G" is the Squad Leader of the Best Drilled Squad.

The 2nd Platoon of Co. "E", commanded by Cadet 1st Lt. Nelson T. Davis, was selected as the Best Drilled Platoon.

Company "G", commanded by Cadet Captain George English, was selected as the Best Drilled Company.

The 1st Battalion, commanded by Cadet Lt. Col. Ernest W. Bolton, was selected as the Best Drilled Battalion.

Holland E. Bynam received the Sam Becker Award as The Most Outstanding Graduating Cadet.

Edward L. Clack received the Houston Chamber of Commerce Award as The Outstanding Junior Cadet.

Paul Rutledge received the American Legion Metal as The Outstanding Sophomore Cadet.

Jimmy E. Lydia received the American Legion Metal as The Outstanding Freshman Cadet.

Marvin Brailsford received the Houston Chamber of Commerce Metal as the Outstanding Basic Course Cadet.

Weldon Hamilton received the NCO Metal as The Outstanding Cadet NCO.

Robert P. Hill received the Officer's Metal as The Outstanding R. O. T. C. Cadet Officer.



In Recital

A special feature of Fine Arts week was Miss Algerita Spencer, contralto, in recital May 9, 8:00 o'clock p.m. in the auditorium of the Administration Building.

Since her freshmen year in college, Miss Spencer has appeared before the student body and faculty on numerous occasions. She has served as soloist for the college choir and the Women's Choir for the past two years. She has toured with the Men's Glee Club

Beauregard Brown III received the PMS&T's Award as The Graduating Cadet Making the Most Outstanding Contribution to the Corps



CADET SFC JOHN H. JEANS, a "Distinguished Military Student," and Vice-President of the National Honorary Society of Scabbard and Blade, managed the Campaign of the victorious candidate in the recent "Miss Prairie View" contest.

as guest soloist. Each year Miss Spencer has had a leading part in the Christmas and Easter cantatas.

Miss Spencer has a very wide range. Her numbers range from contralto to lyric soprano. Her versatility, no less than her lovely voice, has attributed much to the success of the musical programs around the college.



Jimmy Lydia Beauregard Brown III Pearlle Mae Warren George Brown Dora Williams Lee G. Esprit Kenneth Hunt

Noted Industrial Educator Retired on April 30

Thomas L. Holley, well-known and well loved by friends of Prairie View A. & M. College every-



THOMAS L. HOLLEY

where, went into retirement after forty-seven years of teaching and supervisory work.

Known equally as well for his genial personality and sense of humor as for his great contribution to Industrial Education in Texas, Mr. Holley was a perennial toastmaster at social functions and commanded any gathering with his excellent wit. Along more serious lines, he was the first Negro teacher-trainer in Industrial Education in the state, starting back in 1922. He has seen the fruits of his work grow from meager beginnings to many credited industrial arts and vocational trade persons in high schools throughout Texas.

Mr. Holley first came to Prairie View in 1906 as a student from San Antonio. He majored in Industrial Education and after 4

years, in 1910, was added to the staff as assistant director of the Mechanical department and teacher of trade and industry courses. In 1912 he resigned to continue his education. He studied architecture at Kansas A. & M. College in 1912-14, attended Stout Institute, Menominee, Wisconsin, Dunwoody Institute, Minneapolis and Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Illinois, and later returned to Prairie View for bachelor degrees in Industrial Education (1930) and in Education (1931).

His graduate degree in trade and Industrial Education was received in 1947 from Colorado State College after several summers of study.

Returning to Prairie View in 1917, Mr. Holley had gained in practical experience through carpentry jobs in Kansas City, Mis-

Panther Staff Closes Year With Job Well Done

The Panther staff, organized at the beginning of the second semester, has completed the current school year with a big success. During the first semester the PANTHER was published by the journal-

souri and in San Antonio where he worked under his father, Thomas L. Holley, Sr. a contractor. He also served as teacher of woodwork, cement work, forging and plumbing at Wheatley High in San Antonio. His stay at the College was for the summer months only, as it was also in 1920. In San Antonio he continued to serve as carpentry helper to his father and helped build a vocational department at the high school. He also served as YMCA secretary and principal of the public Evening School.

ism class, under Mr. S. W. Spalding.

Since the new staff came into being, the paper has been given a high appraisal and the staff has received many compliments, under the noteworthy direction of Mr. Kenneth D. Hunt, English instructor. Mr. Hunt's services will be appreciated moreso when one considers the fact that he was not obligated to perform these services.

The staff itself includes: Jimmie E. Lydia, editor; Beauregard Brown III, associate editor and feature editor; Pearlle M. Warren, reporter and typist; Dora A. Williams, reporter; George E. Brown, sports reporter; Ruby J. Adams, cartoonist; Marlene D. Matthis, typist; Mr. Kenneth D. Hunt, Faculty advisor; C. A. Wood, Technical consultant.

New Housing Addition Opens in PV Community

Development of the Prairie View Community, located near the Prairie View A. & M. College campus, will take a big step forward with the opening of a new housing project, the Alta Vista addition.

Open house in the new development, which features paved streets, curbing, modern sewerage disposal, and many similar advantages, was held Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28. A total of 23 homes are now available, with commitments made for immediate construction of 10 additional units. When complete, the addition will contain 111 homes.

The Alta Vista addition brings into realization a long felt need for more private housing facilities at Prairie View. Homes for faculty members and staff have been provided by the College throughout its long history. It was not until 1950 that property became available and a few homes began to spring up in the community immediately south of the campus. Today there are approximately twenty-five or more privately owned homes in this community.

Rapid growth of the college and increased personnel have made the provision of housing for all by the college impossible. Crowded conditions still exist in faculty accommodations, and several workers at the College commute the eight miles daily from nearby Hempstead.

M. O. Wallingford is in charge of the new development which promises to finally bring to Prairie View a well-designed community addition. Residents here are beginning to look ahead to other community needs and plan the day when the name Prairie View will not only bring to mind a growing state college, but also a striving community of progressive Texas citizens.

Texas in Review Completes 5th Year

Texas In Review, TV program that tells about Texas and Texans, recently completed its fifth year of telecasting. It has been on the air longer than any other regionally produced weekly TV show and has been continuously sponsored by Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Sticklers!

WHAT'S A SOUTHWESTERN WHO NEVER HAS A MATCH? (SEE PARAGRAPH BELOW)

WHAT IS A TALKATIVE FARM BOY? HAROLD PINSKER, QUEENS COLLEGE. Vocal Yobel

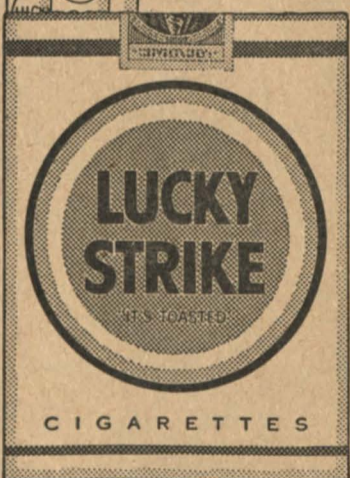
WHAT IS A LEAKY PEN? EARL MILLER, U. OF MIAMI. Blotter Dotter

WHAT IS A SMART ELF? ROBERT BALDRICA, U. OF MINNESOTA. Bright Sprite



WHAT'S AN IMPROVED HANDCUFF? RICHARD SULLIVAN, U. OF CHICAGO. Better Fetter

WHAT DO HYPOCHONDRIACS DO? NOEL DOYLE, JR., PROVIDENCE COLLEGE. Feign Pain



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EDITORIALS

Are You a True Prairie View-ite?

By BEAUREGARD BROWN III

I wonder if any of you ever stopped to ask yourselves "Why did I attend Prairie View? What value have I really received during the past four years?"

When graduation time arrives, how many of you will be able to retrospect with a sense of self-satisfaction to yourselves because your four years of living at Prairie View has been a period which has molded the pattern of your future life, determined your accepted philosophy and crystallized your spiritual and social convictions.

In our highly civilized world there are millions of people who swing with the punches and drift with the wind. They exist, but do not live. They toil, but do not know the product of their work. They sing, but their songs do not echo. Like a great man once pointed out, "They are the masses without roots."

Since the kind of individual you are now determines, to a large extent, what you will be in the future, ask yourself the following questions—Have I spent my time profitably? Have I been cooperative in matters of interest to our school and the community? Was I concerned with keeping the name of the school unsoiled and clean? Was I willing to sacrifice personal desires which conflicted with what was best for the majority? Did I prize honesty, sincerity and friendliness as important virtues?

If you can truthfully answer yes to most of these questions, the root of your life is strong and well nourished, and you are a true Prairie View-ite.

Time—Victim of Murder!

By JIMMY E. LYDIA

It is certain that there exist among us those whose intentions for choosing to attend college have been trodden over. And if the question "Did you get what you came for?" were asked, the truthful reply would be an unfavorable one. When one is condemned or aware of guilt, he is inclined to revive the various incidents of past negligence, ill deeds or behavior. This is especially true when the "sins of omission and commission" are those whose ends will prove to be, not advantageous, but of the nature so as to be a constant reminder of errors committed. Thus the situation would stand respecting those students guilty of having murdered time. We gratify in pleasure at the price of our futures—a price which cannot be afforded.

Day by day our students seem to accept college merely as a routine where time is spent each hour in a different class to which they go when a bell sounds and leave when a bell sounds again. This is murdered time—time which if used discreetly will make all the difference and if not used will do the same. As regularly as the seconds pass, in various forms, all of our students combined waste minutes, resulting into hours then into days, which are irreplaceable.

Are you one of the hundreds of murderers at large on this campus?

Is it Justice?

By JIMMY E. LYDIA

The 1956-57 school year has almost completed itself, and whatever has been ebbd cannot be altered. Certainly there are those among us who regret their misuse of the most priceless possession granted us through grace—time; however, it is beyond the power of mortality to make this much needed change possible.

It is not without adequate time spent in contemplation that the citing of a seemingly unjust situation has been enacted. Here, there have been those students whose financial or at least family status has prohibited their further pursuance of those necessities which the present technological world is so increasingly demanding; here there are those students whose enraptured hearts may partake of that parental love, understanding, and other qualities which they now express as being a part of their existence at any return to their respective homes. These latter individuals are now enjoying and may enjoy to a fuller extent at the close of the school year the identical things which those forced to dissolve their studies lacked and obviously could not continue without.

The word "studies" here is not inapplicable to the point attempted to be enforced. Some who seemed to be destitute of these necessities for the preparing for the world's challenge are those who applied themselves, thus their time was spent wisely for some gain. But those regretting the activities in which they engaged the previous semesters include to a larger degree the persons who are "well-off" financially and otherwise.

We see no justice in the sheep's suffering and the goats' going free to enjoy the pleasures of their desires.

A Salute to Outstanding Faculty Members

Since the Faculty Profile was not originated until the Month of March, it is felt that the Panther should pay tribute to certain members of the faculty whose contributions to student life are worthy of honorable mention. These persons are a credit to the College and particularly the student body, and both are greatly indebted to them for their noteworthy service.

These faculty members are: Dr. A. L. Campbell, Dr. Curtis A. Wood, Dr. Earl M. Lewis, Dr. Arthur E. Teele, Lt. Colonel Thomas H. Wright, Mr. Samuel W. Davis, Mr. Don L. White, Mr. Melvin B. Tolson, Mr. Kenneth D. Hunt, Miss Ella Cullins, Miss Pearl Sewell, Mr. David Green, Mrs. Carrie B. Coss, Mrs. Bertha Straks, Mr. Edward W. Martin, Mr. A. C. Alexander.

P. V. Debaters Active During Recent Weeks

The Prairie View debaters visited Houston to engage the Texas Southern University team in a non-decisional debate before a general assembly of the students of that institution on March 14. The Prairie View team presented the affirmative side of the question. Clarence L. Williams, Barbara Newman and Ruby Jewel Davis constituted the Prairie View team. Mr. Carl C. Weems of the Department of Education accompanied the team as coach, and Miss Harriet L. Mitchell of the Department of Political Science made the trip as chaperone.

This was the second trip of the team away from the campus and proved very rewarding to the Prairie View debaters and their coaches. The performance of the members of both teams was warmly applauded during the course of the debate before an unusually appreciative audience of Texas Southern students and faculty. The Prairie View debaters were especially gratified at the many expressions of commendation extended to them at the close of the debate of faculty and students of the Houston University.

On March 29, Prairie View team played host to a visiting team of Southern University debaters from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The members of the Southern University team were Miss Althea Johnson, first affirmative speaker; Mr. Grady Polard, second affirmative speaker; and Miss Easter Overton, alternate. Miss Marcia Loving Mitchell of the department of English at Southern University escorted the visiting team as coach.

The debate between the two teams was quite spirited and creditable, and the members of the Prairie View Debate Society extended themselves in their efforts to entertain their visitors and make their stay here most enjoyable. The expression of the visitors confirmed the success of their Prairie View hosts in making their stay pleasant.

On March 31, a team of Prairie View debaters left to participate in two debates at Texas College, Tyler, Texas, and Bishop College at Marshall, Texas. The students on this trip were Roland Smith, Junior in Political Science; Ruby Jewel Davis, sophomore in English; and Barbara Newman, sophomore in Political Science. Dr. George Ragland of the Department of Sociology coached the debaters on this trip into North Texas, and Mrs. Ragland accompanied the group as chaperone. The first of the two non-decisional debates was held at Texas College on Sunday evening, March 31, and the second debate took place at Bishop the following afternoon. The debates were especially beneficial as training experiences for

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We Finish to Begin

By BEAUREGARD BROWN III

In a few days those of us who are seniors will reach the goal which all of us have dreamed of hopefully—Commencement. It will be the end or the close of another chapter in the history of our lives, but it will also be the beginning of a new road and chapter, for commencement means the beginning.

Many seniors have made preparations for this beginning. Some will enter the Armed Services, some will begin work in their particular fields and marry and rear families. These seniors have been blessed with the insight necessary for preparation for the future. They are the ones whose lives will be normal and happy, free from unnecessary care and worry.

On the other hand, some of us have given little or no thought to what we will do after graduation. We complacently sit back and wait for the day to arrive. These are the seniors who will fail in business endeavors, be unable to maintain jobs and have a miserable marriage life. These seniors are the ones who will not begin with commencement. They are not prepared to meet the challenge of the complexities of life.

WHICH SHALL YOU BE? The senior who accepts commencement as the beginning of another phase of life, or the senior who sees commencement as the end with no thought of future plans?

You can be the former by realizing that commencement is more than just receiving a degree—it is the beginning of a new chapter as an old one is closed.

What is Education

By BEAUREGARD BROWN III

In considering educational standards and opportunities one should first have a clear concise definition of education and its objectives.

Education can be defined many ways depending upon the philosophy of the individual defining it. We define education to be a mental and moral discipline which draws together the activities of the individual into an integrated pattern. This pattern encourages him to seek those things which make him happy and successful, while conforming to the standards of conduct of the society in which he lives. A person who has fashioned for himself such a pattern is educated.

There are many ways to gain an education other than by going to college. Observation and study of people, coupled with omnivorous reading habits, may produce a personal discipline as adequate as that acquired in a college or university. However, the traditional way of culminating a formal education is by attending an institution of higher learning.

Education is by no means a grim process of books, lectures, experiments, more lectures and more books. Education includes far more than mastery of the skills and techniques of a chosen field. Absorption of the subject matter of all the books ever written would not by itself produce an educated person.

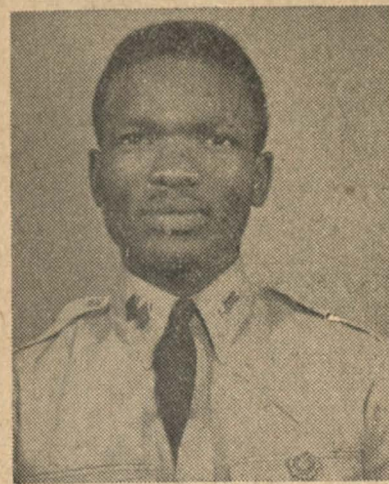
There are two phases of activity in the educational realm—Academic and Social. The simultaneous development of these two themes should be promoted, placing each in a position relative to its importance to the whole.

The objective of education is to teach individuals to make pleasant their association with others, and to impart an understanding of their relationship with and responsibility to other people. This is as necessary as the mastery of the subject matter of a chosen profession.

Aside from preparing students for proficiency in their chosen fields, education enables students to compete effectively in the world today and meet the challenge of a continually changing society. extended to them as visitors in Tyler.

On the morning of April 7 four Prairie View debaters accompanied by two members of the Prairie View faculty left to participate in the Southern Intercollegiate Forensic Conference Tournament at Alabama State College in Montgomery, Alabama. The debaters on this trip were Barbara Newman, Roland Smith, Ruby Jewel Davis and Clarence L. Williams. Mr. Charles D. Churchwell, Instructor in Library Science, was in charge of the group as coach of debate, and Mrs. Bertha Starks of the Department of Business Administration and the Student Personnel Office was chaperon on the trip. At the conclusion of the tournament the Prairie View team visited New Orleans, Louisiana, to participate in a debate against Dillard University on the evening of April 11.

The Prairie View Profile



CADET LT. COLONEL
HOLLAND E. BYNAM

Never before in the history of this institution has a student made such an outstanding record as Holland E. "Big Time" Bynam, our profile for this month.

Holland is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Williams of 2710 Hardy Street in Houston, Texas. His older brother, Sawyer Bynam, is presently attending Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas.

Nicknamed "Big Time" for his uncanny leadership ability, Holland made his debut on campus as an actor in the freshman talent show. His sophomore year, Holland was elected president of the sophomore class. Holland was the leading male actor on campus and he produced a show for the Alexander Hall Club. On ROTC Field day his sophomore year, he was selected as the "Best Drilled Cadet" and he was the squad leader of the "Best Drilled Squad."

His Junior year, Holland was elected president of the Junior class. He was also elected president of the Prairie View-Houston Club; vice president of the Texas Academy of Science, comptroller of Club Crescendo and to membership in the Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Scientific Society. Holland Bynam was the campaign manager for Miss Prairie View his Junior year.

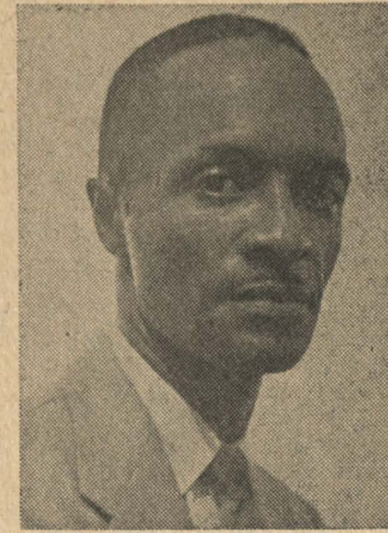
In the Cadet Corps, Holland was promoted from Sergeant First Class to Master Sergeant, and he ranked first in his class in the 1956 Fort Hood ROTC Summer Camp.

Holland Bynam was elected president of the Senior Class this school year. He also served as Miss Prairie View's formal escort. He commanded a battalion with the rank of Lt. Colonel in the cadet corps. This year he was also elected president of the Prairie View-Houston Club, president of ROTC Officers Club, vice-president of Club Crescendo, vice president of the Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Scientific Society and vice-president of the Student Welfare Committee. He was also elected captain of the ROTC rifle team and captain of the Pledge Club of the Prairie View Chapter of the National Honorary Society of Scabard and Blade. Aside from his many pressing duties in the previously mentioned campus organizations, Holland, an expert rifleman, likes to hunt, swim, fist, box, and play golf, baseball and basketball.

A very studious person, Holland has been on the honor roll for four semesters. In addition, he is one of the four regular army appointees in the cadet corps.

Believing that employment develops a sense of responsibility, Holland is employed at the Houston Country Club during the summer months as a locker room attendant.

Among the senior class favorites, Holland was elected the most popular and the most collegian and all round student in the senior class.



SAMUEL W. DAVIS

Our Faculty Highlighter for this issue is Mr. Samuel Walter Davis, Jr., a popular education professor.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Davis and brother to the famed Musician and Orchestra Leader, Lionel Hampton. A graduate of Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago, Illinois, Professor Davis received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University and the Master of Science Degree from Loyola University at Chicago, Ill. Presently he is a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago.

He is the recipient of the Ephraim Blake Shurtleff Fellowship and the University of Chicago Fellowship.

Among the many professional and honorary Fraternities in which he holds membership are the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity and the Alpha Phi Alpha National Fraternity.

Professor Davis' first teaching job was Teacher-Principal at Shawneetown, Illinois. In the Chicago public school system, Mr. Davis was both an elementary and High School teacher. Also he was once a teacher of the educable mentally retarded.

A non-commissioned officer in the U. S. Army, Mr. Davis received military assignments which took him to Fort Custer, Michigan; Camp Knight, California; Camp Plauche, Louisiana; New Guinea; the Phillipine Islands and the Japanese Islands.

His military awards and decorations include the American Campaign Metal; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Metal; Phillipine Liberation Metal; Good Conduct Metal and World War II Victory Metal.

Mr. Davis is also a Rifle Expert. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he was employed in the War Bond Department in the United States Treasury and in 1948 came to Prairie View and joined the Department of Education.

The College Committees and Organizations with which Mr. Davis is affiliated include Educational Conference Research Committee; College Objectives Committee; Committee on Community Research; Concert Committee and Faculty Fellowships and Grants.

He has been a member of the Advisors for Student Organizations for the past five years and the Director of Spelling for the Interscholastic League for the past six years. He is the former sponsor of the New Progressive Veterans Club. Mr. Davis is the chairman of the Sophomore Advisors in the Department of Education and Co-sponsor of Club Crescendo.

The Panther Staff has selected Mr. Davis on the basis of his numerous contributions to the overall advancement of student life on the campus.

We salute Mr. Davis with hope that he will continue to contribute unselfishly to the betterment of the institution.

Cadet of the Month

For the month of May Cadet SFC David Moore, Jr., has been selected, on the basis of his outstanding qualities of leadership, excellent performance of duty and a competitive examination, as Cadet of the Month.

During this school year Cadet SFC Moore has excelled as one of the most outstanding Cadets in his class, and he has proved to be a credit to the Cadet Corps in general and his Platoon in particular. The height of Cadet SFC Moore's ambition for this year had been to capture the coveted title of "Cadet of the Month." After winning out in the competitive examination, Cadet Moore's ambition was finally realized. When asked how his interest in Military Science was stimulated, Cadet Moore remarked—"That can be attributed to my instructor, Captain William U. Corbett, Jr.; I think he is a very capable officer."

Club Crescendo News

By JEROME D. REED

There are a number of people who would like to know something of the history of Club Crescendo. Here is a brief history and some of the aims of our club.

Club Crescendo was organized on the twenty-fourth of October, nineteen hundred and forty-nine at eight o'clock in the evening, in the Student Lounge of the Recreation Hall, by a group of fellows who had a love for music and other Fine Arts, which is a part of the major purpose of Club Crescendo. The major purpose of Club Crescendo is to mold a social club for young college men who are either musicians, or who have demonstrated an appreciation for music and the other Fine Arts, and the club through the activities of the organization aid in helping such men to relate themselves favorably in order that they may form a bond of common purposes musically, academically and socially.

The Club's purposes are achieved through the objectives which are as follows:

(1) Promote brotherhood among college men and the members of Club Crescendo. This is achieved by giving a smoker in October of each year to introduce to men who would like to become Crescendos an idea of how Club Crescendo operates; (2) Promote scholarship among the Crescendos. This is achieved by checking each Crescendo's record in order to obtain his scholastic rating as a means of encouraging good scholarship and seeking to eliminate the cause of poor scholarship; (3) Lend the support of the Club to specific functions related to the institution, such as being a booster club for sports and other similar activities. This is achieved by building a Homecoming float, contributing to the March of Dimes, Red Cross and other community campaigns; (4) Act as a united body in promoting community services of the institution. This is achieved by presenting a Talent Showcase on the fourth Thursday in March, by giving a Black and White ball and a New Years social each year; (5) Exhibit ideals of social courtesy among the members of the Club and toward the members of the community. This is achieved by sponsoring a cultural program for members and other persons who are interested. The cultural program during the past year presented such topics and personalities as: Social Courtesy, a panel discussion by members of Club 26 and Club Crescendo, an Art Appreciation lesson by Miss Pearl Sewell, a Music Appreciation lesson by Mr. Don White, Clothing and Personality Characteristics by Mrs. Delia M. Hunt, Community Expectations of the Prairie View Product by Dr. Jack Echols, and the Three Dimensional Man by Dr. A. L. Campbell.

Miss J. Hurd, Miss S. Brown and Miss V. Fry will receive their degrees in May with the rest of the seniors?

Samuel Metters and his little Betty have been thinking? Roosevelt Jones is going to take Grammar and Composition at one of the leading high school's in the State during the summer? June Felton can attest to the fact that Robert Coleman has never been a Don Juan?

THE HAPPENINGS

Did You Know That—

Mr. H. E. "Big Time" Bynam could not get Miss E. Collins to attend Chapel with him all during this school year?

Mr. Clemon (Elvis Presley) Wesley spent the Easter Holidays on the campus?

The Girls won't date Engineers until their senior year? Could gold-digging be the answer?

Mr. Robert Lee Coleman, the newspaper bandit, will be the president of the S.A.E. for the 1957-58 school year?

Miss A. Barbara Jean Caviel has been looking awfully lonely lately because she wants to come back to the "L."

Mr. Pervis Hardaway visits Wharton, Texas every weekend to see Miss Helen D. Willis with an engagement ring in his pocket?

The graduating members of the lonely hearts club are Hurley Fontenot, Bernard Johnson, Travis Sargent, Nelson Odams, Raymond Reeves, George Chapman, Thaddeus Taylor, Billy Roy Yates, Joe Pittman and Henry Lee Cyrus?

Cleveland Roy still remembers Homecoming '56?

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Last Will and Testament Of the Senior Class

By LAWRENCE C. LINDSAY

For four years we have toiled on the battle worn grounds of Prairie View, and now the time has finally come for us to accept our victory. Although our hopes were often dented, the will to overcome never lessened. As we prepare to depart from this battleground, we find that there are certain things that we cannot take with us. We take great pleasure in bequeathing these valuables to those who are destined to follow us. We bequeath the following valuables in the Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class:

- Miss Jo Ella McCauley wishes to will the crown of Miss Prairie View to Miss Lillian Jackson.
- Bobbie Nicholson wills her devotion to student life to Mary V. McKnight.
- Helen D. Willis wills the most pleasing personality on campus to Ida V. Brown.
- Juaretta Williams leaves all of her tenderness and understanding of the problems of others to Halie Ruth James.
- Barbara Jean Caviel wills her doll voice (when she's pretending) to Eura M. Mitchell.
- Samuel D. Houston wills his desire to be Regimental Commander in the Cadet Corps to Edward L. Clack.
- Holland E. "Big Time" Bynam wills the Institution to Dr. E. B. Evans.
- Beauregard Brown III wills the Military Science Department to Lt. Colonel Thomas H. Wright.
- Shirley Brown wishes to will her sympathy for fellows who cannot get girls to Eddie Thompson.
- Allen Pierre wills his desire to be a Battalion Commander in the Cadet Corps to Roland C. Williams.
- Thaddeus Taylor wills his command of the English language and some much needed common sense to George English.
- Scott Bostic wills his good looks to John B. Jones.
- Claude W. Smith wills his desire for more rank in the Cadet Corps to Welton Hamilton.
- William E. Jones leaves his ability to adjust to college life and get along with people to Ernest W. Bolton.

Fort Worth Club News

The Fort Worth-Prairie View Club is pleased to announce the results of the meeting held on April 17. New officers were elected and other business of importance was considered.

The new officers elected are: David Moore, president; Donald Ray Calhoun, vice-president; Vera Brooks, secretary; Frankie Mays, assistant secretary; Earlene Whitteburg, treasurer; Robert Calhoun, business manager; Albert Williams, chaplain; Harry Jackson, sergeant-at-arms; Jimmy Lydia, Edward Cole, and George Williams, reporters.

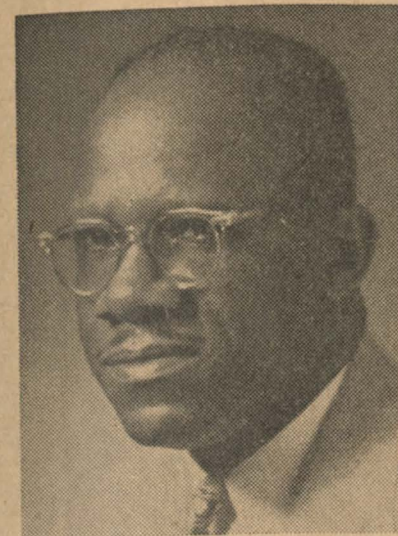
Since the Fort Worth Club has reorganized it is looking forward to a most profitable and enjoyable future. The number of students from Fort Worth here at Prairie View totals 77. The club is highly expectant of each of these persons' membership.

One major plan is that of purchasing special sweaters to be worn when events in which the high schools of Fort Worth are participating occur during the coming school seasons.

May each of the beneficiaries find usefully that which is bequeathed to him.



QUEEN CANDIDATES . . . In the race for Miss Prairie View were all the above queens — All seniors and possessing the necessary qualifications as shown. Lillian Jackson (kneeling, left) won the contest. The others are Eddie Thompson, Daisy Allen, Lillie Conley, Ida Brown, Mary McKnight and Dorothy Sims.



A. E. TEELE



C. A. WOOD

Prairie View Professors Listed in Who's Who

Dr. A. E. Teele, Professor of Education and Chairman of the Department of Education is listed in *Who's Who in American Education*, volumes 16 and 17. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Teele and is a native of Vaughn, North Carolina.

Dr. Curtis A. Wood, director of Information and Publications and professor of Health Education at the College, is listed in *Who's Who in American Education*.

Also technical consultant for the PANTHER, Dr. Wood came to Prairie View in 1947 as State Co-ordinator of Health Education in a program sponsored by the State Department of Education, the Kellogg Foundation, and the College.

Dr. Teele was graduated from Warman County Training School in Wise, North Carolina. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at North Carolina College with a major in English and a minor in History. He received his Master's Degree from Cornell University and the Ph.D. degree at Cornell with a major in Education (Administration and Supervision) and a minor in history.

Dr. Teele has a wide range of experience. He has served as Administrative Assistant in the Records and Secret Documents Section of the War Department. He has been assigned as unit historian for the 1st Aviation Squadron at Langley A.F.B. in Langley Field, Virginia. He has also been employed as an Information-Education Specialist at McDill and Drew Fields in Florida. Dr. Teele was an educational therapist for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia.

He wrote for the Army Air Force the *Official History of the First Aviation Squadron from June 10, 1941 to September 15, 1944*. Prior to coming to Prairie View, Dr. Teele was head of the Department of Education and Professor of Education and History at St. Augustine's College Raleigh, North Carolina.

His professional preparation includes the B.A. degree from Knoxville College, where he majored in English and minored in French. He received the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Education degrees at Columbia University, New York City in health education and community services.

Before coming to Texas Dr. Wood served as editor of a weekly newspaper in Knoxville, Tennessee, supervising principal of Marion County schools, Tennessee and health education teacher in New York City schools.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa; the National Rural Health Committee of the American Public Health Association; the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation and other professional and civic organizations. He is also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Dr. Norris Addresses Scabbard and Blade

Dr. Ernest M. Norris, Professor of Agriculture and Director of Teacher-Training in Agriculture Education here at Prairie View, recently made a dynamic and well-received address to the Prairie View Chapter of the National Honorary Society of Scabbard and Blade.

He spoke on the subject "College Education for What" and expressed some striking points on the value of a College Education. Attending the Assembly as the guest of the Scabbard and Blade were the members of the National Society of Pershing Rifles, The ROTC Officers Club and the ROTC Non-Commissioned Officers Club.

Staff members present were Lt. Colonel Thomas H. Wright, Captain A. C. Montgomery and Captain William U. Corbett, Jr. The Assembly was climaxed with an astounding speech by Lt. Colonel Wright entitled "The Essential Qualities of Efficient Officers."

Cadet Sergeant First Class Vernon Clark introduced the speaker. Cadet Master Sergeant Edward L. Clack, a "Distinguished Military Student" and "Cadet of the Month" for the month of February, served as chairman of the program.

Army Reservist Program Showing Consistent Gains

The Department of the Army has advised that the number of Army Reservists in a paid participating status shot up 34,400 in the last six months of 1956 to reach a total of more than 240,000 by December 31, the highest total yet recorded, it was announced today by Major General Lewis S. Griffing, Chief, U.S. Army Military District, Texas.

This net gain for the first half of Fiscal Year 1957 included 30,700 enlisted men and 3,700 officers.

Of the enlisted strength, 18,000, aged 17 to 18 and one-half, signed up for the six months active duty for training program. Many of these are among 12,000 Reserve component trainees now under active duty training.

At the present rate of increase, Army Reservist gains in a paid participating status will by June 30, 1957, the end of the fiscal year, considerably exceed the 43,000 recorded the year previous when that figure was the greatest yearly net gain ever made in the history of the Army Reserve.

Since the passage of the Reserve Forces Act of 1955, the strength of the Army Reserve—in a paid participating status—has increased by a total of more than 75,000 of which approximately 69,000 were enlisted men.

Lillian Jackson Elected 'Miss Prairie View'

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which gave her the sophomore attendant title. Hazel Muse was elected sophomore attendant with 444 votes. Francael Atkins, also a candidate from the freshman class, received 306 votes.

Miss Jackson is a very popular coed, of her class, particularly. Her recent victory in the "Most Outstanding Student" contest and in her bid for the sophomore attendantship in 1955-56 attest to this fact. A member of Club 26 majoring in business education, Miss Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Jackson of Bay City, Texas. Her campaign manager was Mr. John Ieans, also a popular junior.

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Gamble Jumps 25' 3 1-2" To Break P.V. Relay Record

A long standing Prairie View Relays record was broken here recently when James Gamble, Prairie View A.&M. College track star, broad jumped 25 feet, 3 1/2 inches. The previous record set before this 25th annual meet was 25 feet recorded by Ewell Davis, also of Prairie View, in 1948. The collegiate record is 26' 6."

Fourteen colleges throughout the South participated in the two-day events which included relays, track and field, tennis and golf tournaments.

Southern University won two of the featured relays — the one and two mile. Prairie View's team won the 880 and Texas Southern was winner in the 440. Southern's time in the C. H. Waller Memorial One-mile relay was 3:21.7. Prairie View second and TSU third. In the two-miler, Southern clocked 7:58.6 with TSU second and Grambling third.

Prairie View's team of Gamble, Hodges, Farrington and Stell ran the 880-yard relay in 1:29.4. Huston-Tillotson was second and Alabama State third. Texas Southern's time was 42.1 seconds in the 440 with Prairie View second and

Huston-Tillotson third. The TSU team was composed of Glasper, Harper, Green and Bush.

The four-mile Cross country race was won by Glen Gibson, Arkansas, 26:10.0 (first), Archie Harris, Prairie View (second) and Jerome Anderson, Arkansas (third).

Other track and field events included: 100-Yard Dash—won by Baker, Huston-Tillotson (10.1 seconds); 100-Yard High Hurdles—Jones, Southern (15.0); 440-Yard Dash—Hunt, Prairie View (50.8); Mile Run — Gibson, Arkansas (4:40.5); Pole Vault—(three way tie) Ray, TSU—Smith, Southern—Lee, Prairie View (11' 4"); Discus Throw — Tibbs, Prairie View (140' 5") High Jump — Lewis, Grambling (6' 6"); Shot Put—Perkins, TSU (49' 9").

First place winners in the women's division track and field were: 50-Yard Dash—Walters, Philander Smith (6.4 seconds); Broad Jump—Golden, Tuskegee (16' 5"); Baseball Throw—B. Jackett, Tuskegee (215'); 440-Yard Relay—Philander Smith (52.6 seconds) 100-Yard Dash—Walter, Smith (11.9); High Jump—Loudd, Grambling (5' 5").
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Intramural Softball Holds Spotlight

Intramural softball games are held daily during April and early May under the direction of Coach Donald Hill. Three game series daily are held in order to determine the championship among more than a score of student teams.

Teams are divided into the National and American Leagues. The Nationals are led by "The Billy Joes," whose manager is Billy Joe Johnson and the Americans are paced by the Charles Murcheson coached "Crockett Congars."

Teams in the National League include the Billy Joes, Eagles (Barons), Cobras, Celtics, Maranders, P.E. Club, Crescendos and Hawks. The American League teams are: Catholic Club, Beaumont-PV Club (Bison), Reagor's Rattlers, Industrial Education Club, Port Arthur-Prairie View Club, Crockett Congars, Dixon Warriors and New Progressive Veterans Club.

Class B-C League Champs Announced

Massey Lake High School of Tennessee Colony amassed 48 points to win the Interscholastic League Class B track and field meet held here recently and Douglas Elementary School of Eastland won the Class C trophy with 63 points.

Girls' division winners were Karl Down High, Weimar (Class B) 40 points and London Elementary, Overton (Class C), 58 points. High point men in the two class meets were: Class B — Lavester Smith, 32 points and E. McFarland, 28 points.

Literary and music awards were as follows: Class —Attacks High, Granger, 50 points and Class C—Emeriline Carpenter School, Nachodoches, 40 points.

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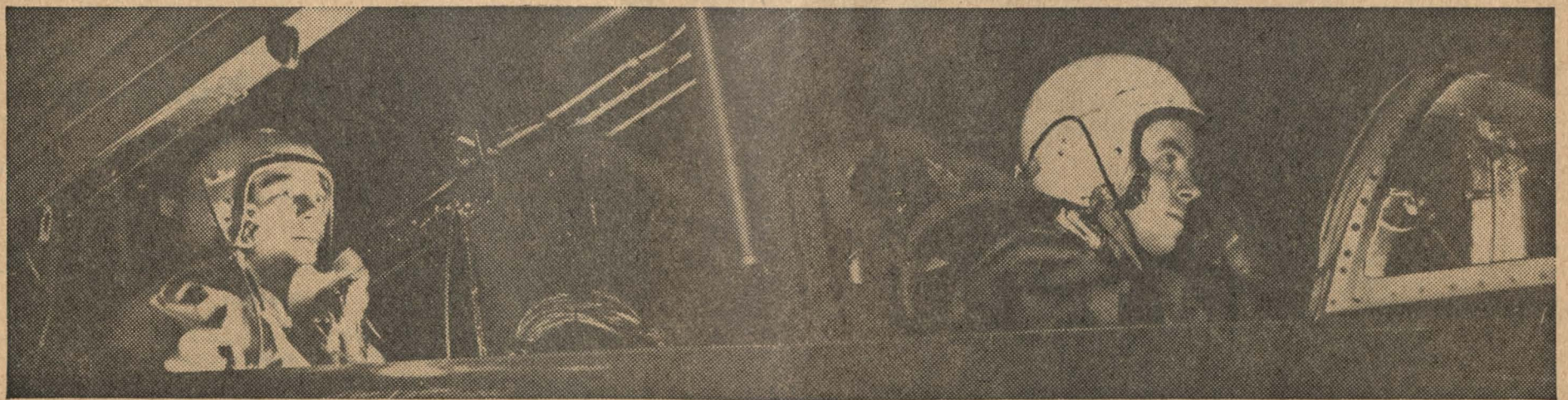
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