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# Merry Christmas



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## DR. BENJ. E. MAYS DELIVERS ELOQUENT ADDRESS

### PANTHERS MEET ALABAMA JAN. 1

New Year's Day will leave another page for football history when Coach Sam Taylor and his mighty Panthers match their wits and strength against the Alabama State Hornets in Houtson at the Buffalo Stadium.

This promises to be a great game, as Alabama has closed an almost perfect season, having suffered only one loss to Lemoyne. The Hornets have several Texans on the team and it is certain that Theodore Smith of San Angelo, Texas the kicking quarterback will see much service in the game. Sharing honors in the backfield with Smith will be Thomas Lundy of Indiana at fullback, Thomas Greene of Ohio and Jones also of Ohio. It will be grand to watch.

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### "Y" Sponsors Annual Formal

The "Y" gave a pre-Christmas formal on Dec. 14, 1940 which was one of the most enjoyable and picturesque affairs of the year.

After the beautiful corsages had been delivered to the young ladies, the young men, all togged and handsome went to meet their "heart beats." This meeting was in Evans Hall Parlor, which was decorated with green foliage signifying the nearness of the Yuletide. The young ladies were dressed in gorgeous evening gowns of various colors.

Miss Suarez, our much loved and respected Dean of Women showed an expression of satisfaction as the couples walked down the shaded path with the moonlight twinkling through the golden branches of the elms that lead to the Gymnasium-Auditorium.

We were reminded of paintings of gardens of the South Sea Islands as we walked under the arch of flowers and into the Auditorium. Two huge candles graced each side of the arch; evergreen and clear decked with flowers were mounded about the walls and a Christmas tree was placed just below the band stand.

Every minute was filled with enjoyment as the couples swayed lightly to the enchanting music of our own Collegians. During intermission the couples listened in rapture to the sentimental tunes played by Mr. George Charleston on his saxophone.

Then came eleven o'clock and each couple departed happily with the memories of a perfect evening.



Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College and Principal W. R. Banks view the campus during the "Y" Conference.

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS

By Pauline Wall

Every person at Prairie View College—both young and old, students and faculty members, rich and poor, male and female—is looking forward in happy anticipation for the most blessed day of the year—Christmas.

The students have worked hard for many weeks and have been hoping for the time to come when they would be able to enjoy Christmas vacation. That time is here now. It is not a time, however, to think of vacation, laughter, to think of vacation, laughter, student should think of giving, worshipping, and bringing Peace and Good Will to all mankind. If there is any time left, then the fun should be taken into consideration.

We should consider ourselves very fortunate to be able to try to spread peace and good will; and

celebrate a Happy Christmas. When we think of students in war-stricken countries, we can appreciate what Christmas can mean to us here in America.

Much thought should be given to the question of what Christmas should mean to us. To the small child it means Santa Claus and many toys; to the adolescent it means necking, dancing, drinking, and having lots of so-called fun. But what does it mean to a student who is intelligent and reflective. It should mean giving the following:

Christianity to those who don't have it.

Happiness to others  
Radiant blessings  
Infinite Love  
Smiles  
Thanks to God  
Many gifts to the poor  
Allegiance to God  
Season's Greetings

### President of Morehouse Electrifies Large Audience; Leadership Stressed

#### Coordinating Cabinet Organized

For some time there has been a definite need for a better correlation between the students and administrators concerning certain problems. Better harmony was attempted through the efforts of some students, leaders, and faculty administrators. This means still failed to bring the desired results. A few of the student leaders, desiring to bring about a better correlation between the faculty and student body, to improve the conditions of students on the campus, and work with the faculty in carrying out the rules of the administration, called a meeting of the Presidents of all student organizations to devise a means of bringing about this results.

With Lieutenant C. B. Bunkley, Jr. acting as chairman, plans were discussed for the organizing of the presidents of the various organizations into a cabinet to be known as the Student Co-ordinating Cabinet. Since the presidents of the various organizations are chosen by the students, it was felt that they could best represent the entire student body. The following officers were elected to compose the executive staff of the Student Co-ordinating Cabinet: Lieut. C. B. Bunkley, chairman; Charles W. Johnson, co-chairman; Miss Rosa Lee Harvey, secretary; Miss Ada Louise Evans, asst. secretary; and Capt. Paul Bailey, treasurer.

#### Sermon Climaxes A Series of Lectures by Educator

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, delivered the opening address of the "Y" Institute of the Southwest Area, held at Prairie View College, December 6, 7, and 8, 1940.

On Friday evening, December 6, speaking to a group of approximately six hundred young men, Dr. Mays took for his subject, "Qualities Needed in a Leader."

He first laid down a plan by which people should live. Second, he emphasized, they should take the proper attitude toward life. He described this attitude in the following words, which became famous throughout his speech: "Have a good time, romp and play, laugh and sing, dance and frolic, but this thing we call life is serious business."

When this statement was first made, it found an important place in the mind of every young man in the audience. No one would fail to give it the proper value, but when Dr. Mays kept building up situations which it made plain the fact that life should really be taken seriously, this phase found more prominence in his speech and also in the minds of the young men in the audience.

In these situations referred to by Dr. Mays, he described life as a winding trail and an up hill journey. One must continue pressing onward, up a mountain trail, through valleys, meeting forces of opposition, but he must not forget to press onward because the journey must be completed.

Four things, he continued, are essential to success in life. They are (1) strong body, (2) good character, (3) good health, and (4) integrity.

These qualities, continued Dr. Mays, possessed by an individual, demand for him respect from others. He illustrated this by referring to the Jewish race which has been dispossessed of many civic rights throughout different countries, it is still respected for the qualities it possesses.

Dr. Mays challenged the young men to be ready for responsibilities in early life. He referred to several men, in both historical and contemporary periods as: Alexander the Great in Ancient history, then he mentioned Byron, Pope and Keats as nineteenth century poets, finally he mentioned Langston Hughes, Marion Anderson and Mordecai W. Johnson, all who were relatively young

### Annual "Y" Confab Convenes at P. V.

By Olin Meador

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

According to Professor G. W. Reeves, Chairman of the Findings Committee, there were approximately 135 delegates. The delegates were representatives of such colleges and cities as Langston University, Wiley College, Tillotson College, Sam Huston College, Prairie View College, Houston, Dallas, Beaumont Corpus Christi, Brenham, Navasota, Fort Worth, Madisonville Galveston, Tyler, and Palestine.

The theme of the Y. M. C. A. Institute was "Trained Adventurous and Consecrated Leadership." The Institute was directed

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# THE PANTHER

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### STUDENT COORDINATING CABINET

The Prairie View Student Body has at last begun to realize the necessity of its cooperation en masse in establishing a more intimate relationship, a more significant bond, a more tangible linkage between itself and the faculty and administration. The realization of this responsibility has resulted in the organization of the Student Coordinating Cabinet.

This cabinet, organized through the initiative of some of the student leaders and through the cooperation of the administration, has come as a much needed gear in the coordinating machinery of our school. But even a much needed gear can be misplaced so as to gum up the whole works. In other words, we feel that as long as the Student coordinating cabinet continues to recognize the fact that its mere existence is no guarantee to its successful and beneficial operation, and that power may be converted into progress only when directed in the right channels, there can be no doubt as to the usefulness of this new instrument.

Incompatibility is often the result of the desire of suppressed personalities to express themselves. An organization like the Student Coordinating Cabinet attempts to relieve any such condition which might exist between Prairie View students, faculty and administration. Let us hope, then, that its actions will proceed from an acute sense of responsibility and a realization of the fact that rights and privileges imply duties and obligations.

The Student Coordinating Cabinet has pledged itself to the task of helping to maintain the best harmony and the most thorough synchronization of the various divisions of our social set-up. Cooperation is always necessary to an uninhibited drive toward the attainment and maintenance of an idea. The Cabinet solicits the unconditional cooperation of students, faculty and administration, in return for which it unconditionally guarantees your satisfaction with the results.

### WE PASS THIS WAY BUT ONCE

Have you ever watched a group of highly trained athletes just before they enter a game? It makes no difference what particular sport they are about to engage in, they minutely inspect their spikes and shoe strings; they jog lightly up and down the track; they throw goals, run, stoop, squat and in every conceivable way to make sure that they are in "trim" for the contest.

We do not have to tell men and women of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior College level that they can cram a lot of facts into their heads, play a lot of games and enjoy a lot of social life. They are fully aware of all this. But do you know that there are ways and means of making all these activities serve you in attaining the greatest good in your college education, and that at the end of four years you can look back with satisfaction upon a period of genuine progress. If you have the real stuff, mental curiosity and gusto for living you won't need any advice on how to get the most out of your college life. If it is in you, it will come out.

But the world is much bigger than the campus of "Dear Old Prairie View;" and if we have not prepared for this larger school which teems not only with bigness but with weighty experience of broader and more abundant life, our preparations have been futile. Time is precious, and it waits on no individual or group. So while we are here let us make the most of our college experiences, as we only encounter these experiences once. Our formative period will count for naught unless we like the skillful athlete are "on our toes" fully adjusted and ready for service, as the new world untired and mysteriously unfolds before us.

As our college days begin to fade into the realms of memory, let us be ready; let us trust, to commence life from a new vantage

### EXECUTIVE STAFF OF THE PANTHER SINCE 1929

The "Panther" was first published in 1929. Since that time responsible students have served on the staff, and it is because of the constant work of the staff that the paper has been a success, as well as many other important functions on the campus, sponsored by the staff.

The picture of each executive staff are on the walls of the Panther Office and their names are:

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### THE DAVIS HANDICRAFT CLUB

The Davis Handicraft Club was organized on November 18, for the purpose of teaching the art of sewing and handicraft to a small number of interested girls who have spare time and are ambitious. Most of the chosen group are Home Economic majors and have shown an active response.

Miss Suarez helped boost the club by giving enough material to make guest towels for Christmas gifts. The girls have shown an appreciation for the gifts by their splendid cooperation.

In the future the club hopes to assist its members in skilled work.

The officers are:  
 Fannie Mae Drisdale, president;  
 Mary Lucille Flowers, reporter;  
 Miss Olenka E. Davis, sponsor.

point and with a new high purpose look the world in the eye and say as Rudyard Kipling did in his "If" "If I can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty-seconds worth of distance run, yours (mine) is the earth and everything that's in it and, which is more, you'll be a man, my son."

### MUSIC

The Music Department of Prairie View, in keeping with the season of Christmas, is working very diligently to complete portions of Handel's Messiah which they will sing Sunday night. The presentation of the "Messiah" is a traditional custom of the Choir. An instrumental ensemble will accompany the choir on this occasion.

The choir was given a rare treat Sunday, December 1, by the Houston Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Hoffmen, who invited them to be their guest at the rendition of the "Messiah" by four-hundred fifty voices of Houston, accompanied by the Houston Symphony Orchestra. Pictures were taken of the Prairie View group on this occasion, and these pictures may be seen at the Music Studio on the bulletin board.

Miss N. C. Allen, one of the instructors in the Music Department, is sponsoring a Christmas party for the Music majors and minors, orchestra and glee club, Thursday, December 19, at the Music Studio. This party is a very unique and promising affair. Miss Allen, three weeks ago, entertained her piano students with an elaborate entertainment at the Music Studio. A delicious menu was served, and a good time was had by all.

### POETRY

#### CHRISTMAS POEM

By Thornton L. Lamply

Once again I see it coming  
 And, Oh, boy, am I glad,  
 For you too can see a'coming  
 Another Christmas, my lad  
 Think of drapes and all the dresses  
 Shoes and stockings too,  
 Candies, goodies, and turkeys  
 All for me and you.  
 There's one thing about Old Santa  
 You know he ain't so bad  
 Cause when it comes to getting presents,  
 See Santa Claus, my lad.

### PANTHERS MEET ALABAMA

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the standout line play of Yancey Griggs at tackle and Paul Mason at guard.

The Prairie View Panthers are expected to be primed to fight it out with the Hornets after having suffered a let down in late season which blasted their championship hopes. The Panthers yet boast of the greatest team in the history of the school. "Hippo" Hopkins who has made several All-American line-ups this year can be compared with such Prairie View aces as Jeru Marks, Joel "Tige" Flowers and Bod Tolliver. Little Herbert Bailey on the line is the greatest since L. C. "Midnight" Mosley's time. Frank Slider and Curtis Marks, two ends, will be on the receiving end of Captain Wister Lee's passes. O'Neil Baldwin will attempt to further his Southwest Conference honors along with Jacques Patterson, the blocking back. This will be a great game.

—By Ralph Green

### Science News

#### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT GIVES SEMINAR

The Chemistry and Biology Departments of Prairie View State College have presented some very interesting seminar discussions for the benefit of the science majors and minors. The biology department in its seminars, presented Prof. T. S. Russell of the Physical Education Department in a discussion of the subject of "Hypersensitiveness to Colds—A condition especially dangerous to swimmers." Mr. Russell demonstrated to the seminar group some symptoms of the above mentioned condition.

The Chemistry Department kept pace with the Biology Department by representing on its December seminar program Professor T. W. Jones, head of the Physics Department of Prairie View State College who discussed the subject "Wave Motion and Light." This discussion was accompanied by demonstrations of the most complex variety, but they served to simplify the discussion for the scientific minded seminar attenders.

Students Day was observed in the Science Department and the Science Instructors took the day (December 12, 1940) off. Those

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**TRAVEL**  
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New Year  
Holidays

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SPORT  
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GRAPH

By Joseph M. Reyes

Greetings friends! For the first time in ages your scribbling scribe is back to chew a little with you. We have received several set-backs since it was last our pleasure to meet. Our Panthers have dropped two of the most important games and our hopes of a National Championship have gone with the wind. But let's leave the dark side and look to the brighter side of things.

**IN THE MAGNOLIA BOWL**

On January the first, we meet the highly touted Alabama State gridiron aggregation in the Magnolia Bowl Classic. The game as usual will attract many hundreds of staunch pigskin fans from all part of the Southwest. Prairie View has not lost a Magnolia Bowl engagement in many a moon. Last New Year's Day battle saw the Panthers at their best as they eked out a 7-0 decision over the tough Xavier Gold Rush of Xavier University. This next battle should prove to be a good one, bringing together two strong teams from two rough conferences, the Southwest and Southeast. If you miss this game you will miss the game of the year.

**FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

As Langston destroyed our hopes of a National Championship so did the Southern Jaguars knock out our hopes of a Co-Championship with the Langston Lions. So we have to be satisfied with second as we did last year. The final conference standing are as follows:

Langston*	6	5	0	1	.833
Southern	6	5	0	1	.833
Prairie View	6	4	0	2	.667
Texas	6	3	1	2	.583
Bishop	6	2	0	4	.333
Wiley	6	1	1	4	.250
Arkansas	6	0	0	6	.000

\*Co-champs in 1938, Champs in 1939

**CROSS COUNTRY**

On the day of the Southern-Prairie View tilt, Coach Ralph Metcalfe of Xavier University, brought down his track team to meet Prairie View's track team in a cross-country race. Cuplps of Xavier won over a field of eighteen with our stalwart O. D. Williams bringing in a close second. Xavier took the meet with 44 points. When Prairie meets Xavier, Coach Taylor will carry his V-8s to New Orleans for a return bout.

**TRACK MEN WANTED**

Track season is just around the corner and still there are not enough men out for practice. Out of all the fellows on the campus there are surley many who have had previous track experience. So come out men! Give yourself and the School a break.

**GRIDIRON SWAN-SONG**

As all good things must come to an end, so must the football player hang up his togs and bid farewell to the beloved gridiron.

This year, the Panthers will lose many of the first string players. The New Year's Day game will be the last game for Frank Slider and Curtis Marks, two great ends. Co-Captain Leory Marion, Herbert Richards and Herbert Bailey superb linesmen. Also Julius Whiteside alternate tackle-guard will not return to the gridiron to play in the Purple and Gold.

Wister Lee, Captain, and one of Prairie View's all-time great passers will have completed his four years playing time. And thus it goes, meaning that from somewhere and somehow Coach Taylor will have to get some new material. Best of luck Coach!

Well that's about all your scribe has to say this time. Maybe we'll have more to say next time. Your scribe is wishing you a most prosperous New Year and a Merry Christmas.

**DR. BENJ. E. MAYS—**

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in their achievements and claim to fame.

In closing, Dr. Mays left with the audience a thought expressed in the following words emphasizing the value of one minute.

"I have only a minute, only sixty seconds in it, forced upon me, can't refuse it, didn't seek didn't choose it, but it's up to me to use it, I must suffer if I lose it, give account if I abuse it, just a tiny little minute, but eternity is in it."

At the final session of the institute which was at the 11:00 o'clock worship service, Dr. Mays, Institute Leader, delivered a very inspiring sermon which was enjoyed by the faculty, students and members of the Prairie View College community. He spoke from Exodus 4:3, and his subject was: "A Discovery of Your Hidden Powers." He gave a beautiful

picture of the preparation of Moses for the purpose of leading the Israelites out of the land of Egypt. In closing, Dr. Mays, going back to the points he had previously mentioned further emphasized character and wholesome attitude toward life as being essential factors. These points were stressed both Friday evening and in his sermon Sunday.

**DEBATE NEWS**

The debating society has begun its work with great enthusiasm. The officers for this year are: Lt. C. B. Bunkley, president; Olin Meadow, vice-president; Hortense Collins, secretary; A. Drisdale, asst. secretary and Lt. Charles Johnson, treasurer.

This tentative schedule has been approved by the administration which includes: Langston University, Arkansas State, Southern University, Xavier, Dillard, Texas College, Bishop, Mary Allen, Tillotson and Sam Huston. The debating society is com-

**Prairie View Panthers Squad—1940-41**



Left to right. Front Row—Herbert Richards, George Phillips, Ike Benjamin, Jacques Patterson, Arthur Lilly, Wister Lee, Alfred Gilkerson, John Whitlow, Andrew Hopkins, O'Neil Baldwin. Second Row—Coach Booker, Issaac Nelson, Leory Marion, DuBois Richardson, Henry Warren, W. S. Hart, Curtis Marks, Frank Slider, Maurice Compton, James Montgomery, Coach Solomon. Third Row—Robert Smith, John Hardin, Herbert Meiton, Stanley Stain, James Odom, E. Prothro, Herbert Bailey, James Hill, John Cooley, Joe, Mason (Trainer), Thomas Charlton, James Sharpe, Marion Franklin, Elliott Hargrove, Fred Haynes, Thomas Walls, Isiah Lowe, Julius Whiteside, Coach Taylor.

**Panther Captain**



Wister Lee, a senior in the Arts and Sciences Division will play his last game New Year's Day.

**P. V. GOLF CLUB PROMISES BIG SUCCESS**

The Prairie View Golf Club, under the able tutelage of Mr. Lee Perkins, local golf pro, is progressing by leaps and bounds. The class consists of one lecture period per week devoted largely to theoretical fundamentals of golf. Ample illustrated instructional material on golf as taught by foremost American Professional Instructors and published by the National Golf Foundation of Chicago has been made available to the members of the class. This report has attracted the attention of both students and faculty members. Among the present members of the class are: Edward J. Starks, Geraldine Davis, Constance Thomas, Gertrude Vivian Burton, Warren Brooks, Charlie Vernon Webb, Aubry Brown, Marjorie Jones, Zenobia Hurdle, Delsa Lattimer, C. W. Lewis, Jr., Taylor, Dimples Coffey, Mildred Conwell and Sterling.

posed of a large number of freshmen and new students as well as its old members. We regret very much the loss of two of our leading debators of last year, Miss Ethel Alexander and Miss Aldena Howell, who graduated in May, 1940. There places will be amply filled by the competent talents of the freshmen and new students. The entire society is looking for a great debating season.

**PRAIRIE VIEW CAN TAKE IT**

By Charles W. Johnson

"The harder we're hit, the higher we bounce." This seems to be the attitude adopted by the students of Prairie View College. For twelve years the students of Prairie View have been denied the glory of a championship team. In 1940 the students came back with the idea that this was the year. They could not be denied. School Spirit Week was celebrated for the first time in the history of the school, rousing pep rallies were held frequently, and football players were told constantly by their fellow schoolmates that they could not let us down.

The Panthers won their first victory over Texas College in seven years by an overwhelming score. This was duplicated in Cotton Bowl October 16, 1940 when the Panthers walloped the Wiley Wildcats by one of the most decisive scores, in the history of the rivalry between the two schools, 18-0.

Championship talk was heard all over the campus. They were not "cocky," but they were confident. They knew they could not be denied. This was their year. After running roughshod over Arkansas State and a very strong Bishop team, the Panthers were considered a cinch. The students were talking of a National, as well as a conference championship. This sterling, stellar, edition of the Panther had only (13) points scored on them at the end of the Bishop game. Nobody could stop us now. We were not "cocky"—just sure of ourselves. We merely believed that this was the Panthers' year.

When the team left for Langston to engage in oft-beaten Langston team, all Pantherville was confident that the Panthers would cinch a tie for the Southwest Conference championship in this game. Telegrams were sent to the team. One of them said, "Langston can't beat you boys! They have only eleven men. You have 1,200 behind you and with you."

Then came the rains—the catastrophe! The Langston Lions, who had lost to Texas College, Kentucky State, and Lincoln University, upset the mighty Prairie View Panthers. And to add insult to injury, the Panthers, who had scored 142 points in five games, did not cross the Lions' goal line: When the news reached Prairie View, some Pantherites cried; others were too

shocked to believe it, but they could take it, because they immediately started preparing for the Southern Game. They said, "We don't mind sharing the championship with Langston. So, We'll be forced to smash Southern." They went right on with their pep rallies. They cheered the team and patted them on the backs telling them, "We gotta have this one fellows, we just gotta have it." And no one doubted they would have it.

Then came Thursday—the long awaited day! The day when dreams of twelve years would be realized—in part. The first half was scoreless. Then came the bombshell, Southern scored. The Panthers never came back. The whole of Pantherville was stunned and shocked. But they did not fall down. They showed the thousands of visitors, the team, coaches, and themselves, that they still appreciated their team. They ran over to the club house in droves the same as they had done in victory, and hugged the players and sent up a great yell, "What's the matter with the team?" Some of the players cried with their fellow students. They did not go into seclusion and cry because dreams had been shattered. Pantherites went to the dance that night. They laughed, danced, and sang because Prairie View, the same as London, can take it!

**ANNUAL "Y" CONFAB—**

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by W. C. Carver, secretary of the Houston Branch of the Y. M. C. A.

The first session was held in the Auditorium-Gymnasium December 6 at 7:00 p. m. The session was opened by music by the college Glee Club and the introduction of delegates. A most inspirant address was given by President Benjamin E. Mays, Ph. D., of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

On Saturday, December 7, 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. The conference strongly endorsed the Area Secretary and Principal W. R. Banks gave assurance that the one thousand dollars to be raised would be on hand by December 20, 1940.

The members of the conference joined the Prairie View students and faculty in the Auditorium-Gymnasium at 11:00 a. m. Sunday morning, December 8, to close its Fifth Annual Session.



**KANDID KAMPUS KOMMENTS**

Greetings Gates, this is your old pal "snooping sal" bringing you the latest campus shots of those who have tried and won, and of those who loved and lost. But that is life, to the winner goes the spoils. Yea Man!

'Lo and behold we see the gallant Squire Cole escorting the beautiful and glamorous Sadie Dupree to the "Y" Dance.

"Peoria" Dickson didn't make the dance with his heartbeat Mary Basset, however, Elwood Dancey seemed to be the apple of her eye.

McGowan the voice at the telephone switchboard broke into the spotlight with Jeanette Foston, the Senior Bachelor Girl.

While DuBois Richardson was away battling the Xavier Gold Rush, Miss Lucy Young made merry—and how.

Mack Wilson, became "low sick" on the day of the dance. it wasn't Danny Mae, was it Mack?

Leory Leathers, up to dance time, broke a tradition of long standing and made the "Y" dance with Miss Josie Phillips. You're digging pal.

We don't know, but we're wondering if Isaac Nelson was privileged to be Allie Dawson's company on the night of December 14?

Richard Grayer believes in helping a friend. We saw Richard and George Lacey's girl friend at the dance very loving like.

Major Lofton was trying to cut out Paul McGaughey for his girl friend, Inez Singleton. However, Paul seemed to have the upper hand at the dance.

"Red" Protho and his friend Miss Henry were very loving. It appears to be on the serious side. What Ho! Wedding Bells?

While wondering about various things, we wonder what happened to that beautiful romance between Freddie Mae Terrell and Eugene Brown. Was that Houston cat too rough?

Thornton Lamply and Martha Estelle made a very interesting couple. Lamply is taller than

the former boy friend, "Hackshaw" Kennison.

William Jones, III, another fellow of the Richard Grayer type, taking care of Miss Henry, while his pal, Wheaton blew the sax for him.

Roy (Crab) Burley cut out his senior M. A. brother, Lamar Caldwell, for the little lady. Caldwell took it standing and made the "Y" dance with Miss Hortense Collins. He acted as if he felt that "way," that might have been a cover up.

It is too bad that Leonard Wallace missed the dance because that Tennister sure made herself at home. Whatcha say Helen?

It is too bad that Joe Mason had to go to Xavier for the "cross country," because Miss Eunice Shuffer had her "offtime."

Miss Ora V. Scott the Rockdale Beauty, created quite a bit of interest at the affair. Eugene Brown inquired as to whether or not she might be Hedy Lamarr—the line forms to the right, men.

Which way will the tide turn? It now appears as if Browne has the upper hand with Miss Pauline Wall. But Robert Rayford is making a comeback.

K. H. Montgomery, the perfect gentleman, made his debut after four years with a whizz and a bang. Who is she "Mon."

Flash! Flash! What has happened to "Duke" G. W. Mervin's grip. He once held over "Miss Prairie View" as we see him alone and leaning toward an old flame, Miss C. L. B.

Joe Reyes K. O'ed Robert Jackson near the Senior Garden a while back for Josie Mae Daniels. But "Jack" came back rough and put Reyes on the ham list—Moral: Love is like a faucet, It turns off and on.

This is about all your ole pal "snooping sal" has to say this time, but wait till next time it will be a killer—Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy and most Prosperous New Year.. Love and Kisses—"Snooping Sal."

**SENIORS GIVE RED-CROSS BENEFIT SOCIAL**

Knowing the many benefits of the Red Cross, the seniors co-operated whole heartedly in doing their small portion toward contributing to the Red Cross Fund.

On Tuesday night, November 26 from 9 to 11 p. m., the members of the class dressed in casual sport clothes attended a very delightful social given in Evans Hall Parlor sponsored by Miss Mabel Hood.

Miss Locket portraying "Miss Red Cross," presided over the silver offering cup into which many dimes were dropped willingly. Many interesting games were played. The following persons won prizes: Miss Theresa Roberts and George Charlton, chinese checkers; Miss Pauline Walls and Reginal Brown, lotto; Miss Cecil Cleaver and Samuel Prince whist; the booby prizes in whist went to Miss Reby Crosby and Leroy Marion.

Everyone had an enjoyable time which was climaxed by a very tasty refreshment of fruit punch.

The Senior Class appreciates the opportunity of making this contribution to one of the worthiest organizations in America—The Red Cross.

The fellow who pulls the oars doesn't have time to rock the boat.

**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT PLANS SURVEY**

By Reby Cary

Professor H. A. Bullock, professor of sociology, Prairie View College, with the assistance of some students is making a survey in different parts of Texas on, "The Negro Home." This topic will be discussed during the the Educational conference which meets at Prairie View March, 1941.

The students will do the initial work by surveying approximately six hundred homes in a variety of areas in Texas including cities like Houston, Ft. Worth, and San Antonio, then smaller towns like Brenham and Navasota, and also other rural sections. Each student will survey at least fifteen homes with headings which will analyze the social and economic conditions in the home.

The information gathered on this topic will be presented by Prof. Bullock to the Educational Conference and circulated in the form of a bulletin. These bulletins containing this study will be circulated in all the libraries and even in countries of Europe and Asia.

**SENIOR CLASS DAY**

On Sunday, November 17, 1940, the Senior Class conducted both the 11:00 worship service, and the vesper services at 7:00 p. m. For the 11:00 o'clock services Rev.

**Relates Experiences**



Miss Dykes, a senior, is Off-Campus Practice Teaching.

**Off-Campus Teaching Provides Wholesome Experience**

by Jimmie R. Dykes

Of all the various enterprises during college, student teaching affords the most exhilarating of experiences. In the two months which the student spends in practice teaching he finds the contacts experienced broadens him both mentally and socially.

Neither can skill in handling children of all age groups, and mental capacities, be regarded as a matter of little consequence. The typical school child of a rural or semi-rural community presents to the student teacher an everlasting chain of problems.

The student teacher must exhibit, in each case, his or her ability to make wise, and impartial decision as well as just and useful opinions. The personality of the child must be considered in order to determine the degree of severity to be employed. There is no need for fear.

A study of individual personalities is the secret behind every mystery of student teaching. The student teacher who fears this secret is sure to agree that the two months of his or her life have been well spent.

**SCHOLARSHIP MAINTENANCE TO BE STUDIED AMONG STUDENTS**

Prairie View State College very generously grants hundreds of scholarships to graduates of Texas High Schools having the highest scholastic standing. These scholarships cover the student's tuition for the freshman year. They are revocable at end of first semester provided the students fail to pass in all his subjects.

It is interesting to note that the number of freshman students meriting a place on the College Honor Roll is surprisingly small as compared with number receiving scholarships. In view of this fact the Alpha Pi Mu plans a study of records of students entering with scholarships with emphasis on following points:

1. Percent maintaining high average throughout college career.
2. Classification level at which most students drop.
3. Divisions in which larger number of most successful students are enrolled.
4. Reasons why students don't maintain high scholastic standing.

With the information gained from this study it is hoped that steps can be taken whereby scholarship at Prairie View can be improved.

S. A. Pleasant; pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Houston, Texas preaching a very inspiring sermon that was enjoyed by the entire student body and faculty of Prairie View College. Rev. Pleasant spoke from the 3rd. Chapter of St. John, emphasizing the second birth, which was taught by Jesus. The spiritual

**OFF-TIME**

**DORMITORIES**

Boys! Listen while I give you the "low down" on the girls in their dormitories. If you could see them as I do, you would find out many interesting things about them. They spend many enjoyable evenings doing the following things: It is remarkable how the girls are engaging in their studies as well as participating in the various clubs, which are carried on in the dormitories.

Among these clubs are Sculpture Soap Carving Club, Annie Laurie Evans Club, Bridge Club, Evans Hall Glee Club and many others.

The postmistress was kept very busy during the Thanksgiving rush, issuing out boxes, large and small. They were carried to the dormitories to compile one big feast. Turkeys, chickens, pies, and many other delicious food were quickly devoured by the ravenously hungry students.

There is much enthusiasm going on in and around the dormitories in preparation for the forthcoming "Y" dance. There will be many gorgeous gowns worn on this occasion. Many captivating dances are being learned by the girls.

There has been much discussion among the young ladies in the dormitories concerning the stag line at previous dances. Look Fellows! The girls demand that this line be broken down.

We are all anxiously awaiting the time to leave the campus to return to our respective homes for the Christmas holidays. The suitcases that have been concealed since September have been recovered and now being packed. Well, you now have all the dirt; so I shall close by wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

**VARIED PROGRAM Y. W. C. A. SPONSORS**

The Y. W. C. A. is one of the most important organizations on the campus. Its purpose is to fill the Christain and social needs of the young women on the campus. Through its diversified programs including worship programs, fun-nights, student and faculty panels, the Y. W. C. A. strives to entertain and help the problems of the modern young lady.

The Y. W. C. A. sponsors many entertainments and conferences among its members. Interracial conferences are held in the fall and in the spring. The Southwest area Training conference was held on Prairie View Campus November 2, 1940, under the sponsorship of the local Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. 165 students and sponsors, excluding the local representatives, gathered here to discuss various phases of our work.

Through the various commission groups the Y. W. C. A. divides its members, giving them the opportunity to follow their special interests. Among these special groups are the "The Freshmen Fellowship Club," "The Ethic Minority Group," "The Worship Group and the Recreation Group." These groups are created for the enrichment and entertainment of the "Y" members. Girls here is your chance to enrich your lives spiritually, mentally and socially. Join and become an all around girl.

birth that Jesus taught is the first essential to Christianity.

The Vesper service was "Words and Music," with Mr. A. C. Lamb, as narrator. The music was given by the Prairie View Quartet, led by Emanuel Peterson.

**JUNIOR CLASS PRESENTS PROGRAM**

Sunday, December 1, 1940 the Junior Class made its debut in presenting a program to the audience that was educational and entertaining.

Disposing of all astute ideas in trying to surpass other vesper program, the Junior Class has realized the need of more training of more prominent Negro leaders in this changing world, and they are trying to attain ample space on Prairie View's peak of famous Negroes, men and women that their names may there appear.

Everyone was filled with delight as the program began with members of the Junior Class singing their theme song "Just a Song At Twilight" and dying out into a hum as Charles Johnson, president of the class announced and gave the audience the introduction.

The audience showed their appreciation for such poems by Paul Lawrence Dunbar "The Party" "Dissatisfied," and "The Path," that were rendered to them by Martha V. Estelle, Charles Johnson, and Mulburn Penson respectively. They listened attentively to the mixed group sing "Jesus Priceless Treasurer" the girls' group singing "I'll Never Smile Again," and Richie Dell Archia's organ solo.

We would not be surprised to hear of Duke Ellington, king of the ivories retiring in a few years because we can readily see Charles Brown, our own king of the ivories taking his place if he continues to excute such numbers as he did "Star Dust" that night. Nelda McElroy could easily melt a glacier with her torch like voice if she sang "While The Music Played On," or any of her special numbers.

Mr. Walter Booker, sponsor of the Junior Class "spanked" the ivories excellently in playing "Summer Time" as James Patton with the melodic voice of his had them believing they were hearing a future Roland Hayes.

The program was brought to a close by the mixed group singing "God Bless America."

**SCIENCE NEWS—**

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students selected by the Science Instructor handled their classes in a very efficient way.

Looking over the Science Department, several familiar faces are conspicuously absent. They are all Seniors who have gone to do their off-campus practice teaching. These students have concentrated their studies on the Biological and Chemical sciences for the past three years and have gone to various high schools in Texas to teach young Negroes the rudiments of Science, and perhaps serve as an inspirator of some of them. These young Scientists are General Hamilton, Claude Woodard, Jeanette Williamson, Jimmie Ruth Dykes Donald Brooks, Charles Etta Sanders, and Georgia Rene Shaw.

