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# THE PANTHER

VOICE OF THE STUDENTS BUY A BOND OR STAMPS TO-DAY

Vol. 14 Prairie View State College, Prairie View Branch, Hempstead, Texas, March, 1942 No. 3

## P. V. BREAKS TWO BUTLER TRACK RECORDS

### An Analysis Of The Honor Roll

The number of students at Prairie View qualifying for the honor roll for the first semester of 1941-42 regular session totaled sixty seven, an increase of approximately twenty in number over the same period of preceding regular session.

As has been the case for some time, the various Divisions were paced by the Arts and Sciences Division with 31 students attaining this coveted distinction. Followed in their order were: Agricultural Division, 14; Home Economics Division 11; Mechanic Arts, five; Nursing Education, three; Graduate Students, three.

It is very interesting to note that approximately one-third of the honor list were freshmen who disproved the traditional first-year maladjustment theory and produced enviable records. Fredrick Smith, a junior and a perennial honor student, led the field with an awe-inspiring average of 2.83. Clearly showing the close competition was the splendid record of the runner-up and third person, respectively; Miss Kathryn Luckett, freshman, 2.82 and Miss Margaret Grisby, junior, 2.72.

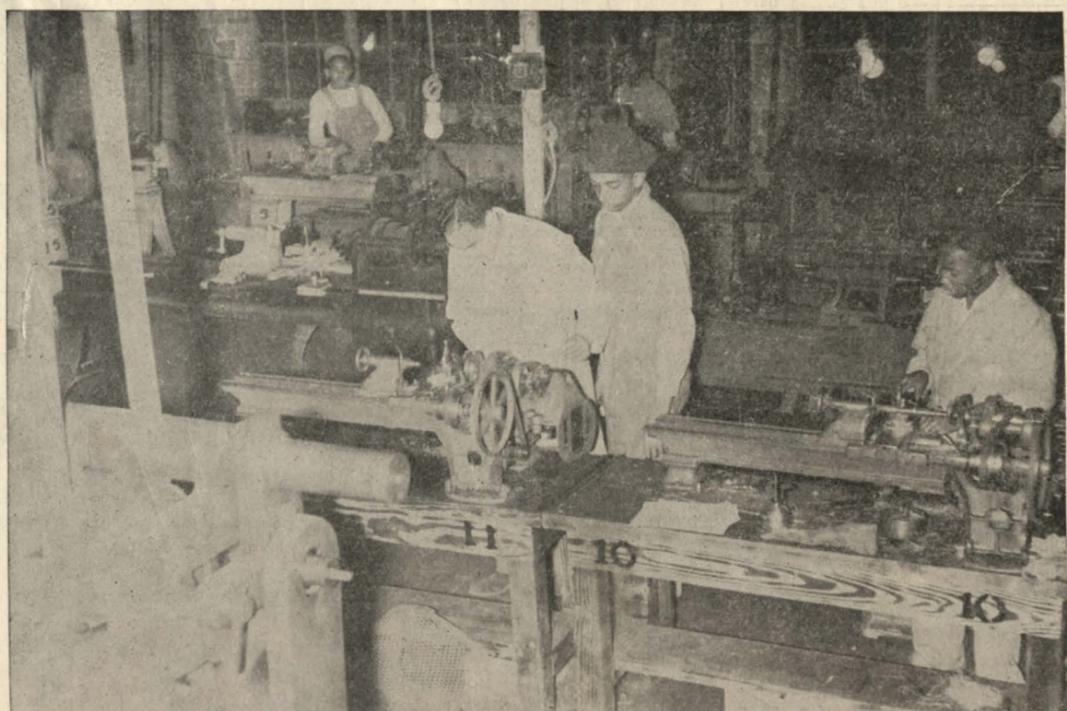
If the time-worn theory that the causes improvement holds good, then it seems safe to predict that the scholastic results of the first semester are a step in the right direction toward better future graduates who ultimately will better represent Prairie View College in the world confronting them.

To qualify for the honor roll, the student must maintain a minimum average of 2.00 and must not fall below "C" in any course.

#### The Following Persons Made The Honor Roll:

- Alexander, Jerecia F., Allen, O. Louise, Baker, Milton G., Blanks, Mattye M., Blanks, Vittoria C., Boudreaux, Ida, Brown, Charles, Brown, Johnnie Ruth, Burnett, Jennie Allen, Coffey, Dimples Kate, Collins, Hortense D., Collins, Selma Lois, Estelle, Martha V. Flewellen, Jesse James, Fowler, Gertrude C., Francis, Doretha A., Francis, Luther V., Garrett, Shelton, Gooden, John E., Graham, Eddie Mae, Graham, Robbie O., Grisby, Margret E., Grimmett, Lillian V., Harrison, Lawrence, Harrison, Willia, Hawkins, Hazel Myrtle, Hines, Lillie Belle Howard, Mabel Dorthy, Johnson, Charles W., Johnson, Harold C., Johnson, Jesse W., Johnson, Rufus G. Jr., Johnson, Wendell P., Jones, Katharyne Anne, Lawson, Monroe, Lewis, Thelma, Luckett, Kathryn C., Lusk, John, McDonald, Calvin C., McGaughey, Maxine Helen, Mann, Mercedes D., Martin, Erma La Jean, Moore, Elouise, E., Farris, William M.

### Prepares For Defense



Above are men at work in the machine shop at Prairie View College as a part of the National Defense Program. This group is under the supervision of C. H. Waters, who stated that within a few days he would be able to let Uncle Sam have at least twenty well trained men. They are being trained as machinists, lathe operators, and other manual arts.

### The Three Year Graduation Plan

It is highly probable that the end of the regular summer session an extra four week session will be given in courses where the necessary number of students register. This plan enables the student to earn the equivalent of a semester credit in a summer and one of these sessions or the equivalent of three sesters' credit in one full year. At this rate a student financially able may obtain a degree in three regular sessions and slightly less than three summers.

This plan offers an advantage to the 16 and 17 year old high school graduate, by enabling him to accelerate his rate of getting an education, and it prepares, in a broader sense, a larger number of students at a faster pace, in all walks of life.

Newson, Eddie L., Page, Genevieve, Perry, Altha Mae, Price, Foster, Redus, Raleigh, Reeves, Lillian, Richards, James; Rivers Willie Mae, Sanders, Olu Jeanette, Scott, Alton E., Smith, Fredrick, Smith, Junious, Spencer, Nathaniel, Stain, Stanley, Stubblefield, Beauregard; Warren, Henry; Wickliff, Aloysius; Williamson, James H.; and Williams, Viola.

To qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must carry not less than fourteen (14) semester hours counted toward graduation, earn a general scholastic average of 2.00, and must make no grade below a "C" during the semester. Due allowance is made for regular students restricted to less than 14 semester hours by curriculum prescriptions.

### P. V. Faculty Pledges To Buy Bonds

Prairie View's 129 instructors have resolved to buy bonds and stamps monthly, since it is imperative for the future of America so that we can beat the Japs and all foreign enemies and also win a victory here at home against prejudice and discrimination.

An effective plan is employed here at Prairie View, in which all instructors submit to the head of their departments the number of bonds or stamps they will buy during a specific month, and this report is submitted to Principal Banks at the first of each month. Not only are the faculty members buying bonds and stamps but also their families. Some faculty members have purchased over \$5,000.00 worth of bonds already.

With such loyalty and patriotism as shown by Prairie Views' faculty, America can not, shall not and will not lose this war. Each dollar that we put into a defense bond, represents our hopes that the money will help to build a plane to sink a ship; that it will build a cruiser that will chase a German submarine, and build a tank that will some day, revenge the attack on Pearl Harbor. "Buy Defense Bonds and Keep 'Em Flying!"

### Prairie View Trains For Nat'l Defense

Some months ago, a Defense Program was designed at Prairie View State College for the purpose of training young Negro men to go into private industry. It has been said that these young men are very enthusiastic about this training, and are making rapid progress.

Some courses that are provided for in the program are: forging, acetylene welding, and machine tool operation. These courses are running on a twenty-four hour basis every day except Saturday and Sunday. There are three eight hour shifts which allow for three classes a day. There are approximately fifteen men in each class.

A few of the projects that have been completed during the operation of this program are as follows: inside and outside calibers, squares, drill gauges, plug gauges, center punches, quick punches, small vices, lathe setters, wrist pins, small crank shafts, etc.

A visit made to the training classes convinces me that the young men are profiting greatly from the Defense Program, and I feel that within a short time they will be offering competition for various jobs in the industrial world.

### Win Mile Relay And Sprint Medley in Record Time

Indianapolis, Ind., March—Sam Taylor's speedsters took two first place honors at the Butler University indoor relay March 14, 1942. The Prairie View crew won the sprint medley and the mile relay breaking long standing Butler relay records in both cases. The sprint medley was run by Joe Mason, a Prairie View Junior from Indianapolis, Leon English a Sophomore from Waxahatchie, Texas, O'Neal Baldwin, the Liberty Texas Limited of football fame and Lewis Smith a Freshman from Paris, Texas. These lads ran it in the time of 3.41.5 breaking the old mark of 3.45-7.

The mile relay was run by Mason, English, Smith and Paul Ware, a Freshman from Iowa City, Iowa. This was run in 3.25-4. Shortly before the group left Prairie View, Coach Sam Taylor confided in the writer the fact that he thought "he had something" this year. Last year was the Panthers' first try at the Butlers and they won second in the sprint medley. O. D. Williams a Junior, ran the spot that Smith ran this year. The Prairie View team was the only Negro team represented.

The veteran Coach Taylor is all smiles over the beautiful trophies and the boys' fine record. Mr. John A. Patton, a noted Negro Undertaker of Indianapolis, was so elated over the 1941 Prairie View team's showing that he donated a beautiful trophy to the Prairie View relays, and is doing likewise again this year.

### Guest Editor



In the absence of Charles Johnson, Aloysius Wickliff was selected as Guest Editor. Mr. Wickliff is to be highly commended for his efforts and achievements in editing and publishing this issue of The Panther. Mr. Wickliff should be very valuable to the staff next year.

**KEEP 'EM FLYING**

# THE PANTHER

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## PREPARATION IN THIS EMERGENCY

By Aloysius Wickliff, Guest Editor

The normal activities on the campus are following a rather constant pattern. Students are, however, becoming more conscious of their responsibilities in our goal which is the defeat of the common enemy.

It is thus concluded by the far-sighted individual that the time for folly is now past. It is time to concentrate our efforts in preparation to meet the challenge not only confronting the Negro, but confronting this country.

The realization of our plight in the war is resulting in a more determined effort on the part of many here at Prairie View to finish their pursued courses and emerge with the requirements for meeting and banishing obstacles harassing this chaotic world.

There should be a goal in view which we should strive to accomplish. And in attempting to reach the goal, one should consider such factors as: the necessity of becoming aware of the problem before us; the procedure in solving them; and a study of the future benefits that may be obtained through our becoming conscious of a task that should be faced by all concerned.

One should not become baffled because of a poor vision of duties in this struggle; but a clear understanding may be gotten later in life through one's utilizing every opportunity that presents itself.

If democratic principles are to be advocated and adhered to, new leaders will have to be developed to execute and demand the application and recognition of democratic principles when this struggle is over. Who is going to be among these reformers? The answer is that those persons who are now making the necessary preparations for meeting future problems.

There should be a realization that every vacant period should be directed toward preparation for the many hardships of the future. Every unit of this whole must function properly, if the task is to be victorious. Therefore, let there be a justification for any and all activities performed during this preparatory period. It is obvious that defense workers here on the campus are conscious of the limited time of preparation; and it may be observed that every effort is employed to make the best that is possible of this program. Students enrolled in other departments should be equally aware of their plight and the role they must play in winning the battle against our enemy.

History teaches us that one who loses touch with his environment, and fails in getting an understanding of realities of his time, loses all. Thus, to keep up with developments, or even to excel in any field of endeavor, one must at all times change with changing needs. How often one might become thwarted when making these changes; the complications arise from the failure to grasp every opportunity presented.

An application of the principles of those who came before us may clarify our difficulties: Like Solomon of old, our admonition should be wisdom in the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding.

## Y. M. C. A. NEWS

The Y. M. C. A. has done much within the past few weeks toward developing greater student initiative and leadership in social recreation.

One of the latest developments in this social program was the organization of the Men's Sing-

ing Society, with Joseph Southern, who is very closely associated with the "Y" and interested in its progress, as director. This Society's aim and purpose is to furnish social entertainment for its members as well as for other persons in the Prairie View Community.

## "Miss Prairie View"



Etta Moten, Noted singer who crowned Martha V. Estelle "Miss Prairie View"

## WAR VERSUS SCHOLARSHIP

One would think that in time of crisis turmoils, world reorganizations, strife and pestilence, that scholarship in various schools, colleges and universities would be lowered. After having looked over the Honor Roll which was released by the Registrar some few weeks ago, it was found that the scholarship averages of many Prairie View students have been increased.

There are two possible reasons that could be given for the positive changes that have taken place in the minds of students who are truly scholastic minded. In the first place, the young men have set as one of their main goals the raising of their scholarship, in order that their local draft board might be more lenient toward them as they make their selection for inductions. It is well known that draft boards do give preference to men who possess ingenuity and skill.

In the second place, the young ladies probably improve their scholarship, comparatively, because of their awareness of the fact that during these present emergency they will be called upon to perform unheard of task in domestic service, skilled labor and in professional positions.

Realizing the valuableness of a good scholarship, these students know that there being able to get better jobs after the war. For after every war there is an excess of labor, and only those who are skilled, will be able to get jobs.

With all the above named duties, tasks, and possibilities that await one, it should be obvious that as thinking students, they are attempting to prepare themselves to cope with any situation that might arise.

From the Division of Agriculture more than for any other semester during the past time. From the Division of Mechanic Arts there are two members. Only one person in the Division of Mechanic Arts has been eligible for Alpha Pi Mu membership during the past two and one-half years.

There are five first semester Freshmen eligible for membership, as compared with one for a given semester, during the past five semesters. Out of the twenty-two members, eleven or fifty per cent are Freshmen and Sophomores, as compared to two Seniors or nine per cent.

## THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Just as in all the other departments on the campus, the music department has its various high lights. These are large in number and interesting in quality.

Miss Eileen Stanza Jackson, pianist, and Mr. Nicholas Gerren, violinist, member of the Prairie View State College Department of Music, appeared before a very appreciative audience in the Music Studio, recently. Mr. Gerren presented "Ariso" by Bach, adapted by Franko, "La Folia" by Corelli and the third, Handel's "Sonata in D Major". Miss Jackson's renditions were Schumann's Sonata op. 22 in G Minor, Chopin's "Scherzo in C Sharp Minor", and the "Ritual Fire Dance" of De Falla. Her encore was the brilliantly executed the "Bamboula" of Coleridge Taylor.

The Glee Club was an interesting segment in the music department, too. On February 8, under the direction of Mr. O. A. Fuller, head of the music department, the Prairie View State College Glee Club sang at the Interracial meeting held at the Bethlehem Israel Temple in Houston, Texas, with the Mayor of Houston acting as chairman.

## EDUCATION CLUB

It would be of interest to all education majors and minors, who did not attend the initial meeting, to know that a very enthusiastic club was organized Thursday evening, February 12, 1942.

The officers who were selected during the meeting are as follows: Olin Meador, President; John E. Gooden, Jr., Vice President; Lillian Reeves, Secretary; Josie Phillips, Assistant Secretary; Eddie Holmes, Chairman, Program Committee; Mrs. Mary Oliphant, Chairman, Social Committee; Earl Harris, Publicity Manager.

Mrs. H. E. Wright served as temporary chairman during the election of officers.

The installation of officers will be held soon, and we expect all members and prospective members to attend meetings regularly, for plans are to be made soon for a gala affair.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the sponsor and critics of this issue, and those who helped in general.—The Staff

## EXQUISITE CORONATION EXCELLS PRECEDENT

Etta Moten Crowns Miss Prairie View For 1941-42

Captivated by the elaborately decorated College Auditorium, and the alluring music of the Prairie View Collegians, guest at the Annual Coronation Ball gazed in awe, Saturday evening, February 14, Etta Moten, star of stage and screen, crowned Martha V. Estelle, Miss Prairie View for 1941-42.

The queen was preceded to the stage by a procession of attendants, including Misses Dorthy Campbell and Homizelle Cramer, runner-up in the Miss Prairie View Contest; Charles W. Johnson, editor-in-chief of the student publication; lady maids, flower girls, and crown bearers. On a beautiful white carpet, which lay from the auditorium entrance to the stage, the queen attendants marched in couples to take their respective places around the throne. As the queen, with her adorable personality and charm gracefully glided down the aisle to her throne, the room was in total silence. Then came the crowning hour; upon Miss Estelle's head was placed a beautiful diadem—a token of honor and distinction regally bestowed, which was so superbly done by Miss Etta Moten. At that moment, zigzag flashes from cameras came from everywhere. Photographers spared nothing.

The dance proper got underway immediately following the 'queen's dance'. There were twenty-six numbers scheduled namely: to Mr. and Mrs. Banks, the Panther Staff, and Lilly, Dean of Men, Dean of Women, Varsity "P" club, Senior Junior, Sophomore and Freshman Classes, Football team, Y. W. and Y. M. C. A., R. O. T. C. Unit, Panther Faculty Adviser, Choir and Glee club, the Collegians, Business Manager, Dramatic Club, the Standard, Mechanic Arts Club, the Secretary to the Staff, Defense Program, and finally, to Dear 'Ole' Prairie View. The melodious strains from the number one collegiate band were breath-taking, and the vocals rendered by Miss Nelda McElroy were divine.

Why did such celestial moments have to end? Yes, the end it was, which was signified by the familiar theme song "The D. N. C. Special", a composition by Mack Madision, the first trumpet man.



By Roy Burley

**FOOTBALL**

Now that King Football has given its dying gasp, let's glance back over the 1941 season.

The mightier Panther outclassed all opposition in the Southwest Conference, suffering only one defeat. This came New Year's Day in Houston by the Champions of the Mid-West Conference, the Kentucky Thoroughbreds, a great team.

The Panthers have a record that is equal to any in the country.

Prairie View	6	Texas College	6
Prairie View	32	Wiley College	7
Prairie View	21	Xavier	7
Prairie View	34	Arkansas	14
Prairie View	18	Tillotson	0
Prairie View	33	Bishop College	6
Prairie View	0	Langston	0
Prairie View	19	Southern University	7
Prairie View	26	Alabama State	20
Prairie View	13	Kentucky State	19

The Panthers scored 202 points to their opponent's 86. Leading this mighty aggregation of pigskin warriors, were captain Arthur Lilly, All-American end, Oneal Baldwin, a stellar back and a fast shifty runner, and Andrew (Hippo) Hopkins, one of the greatest backs in the nation. Hopkins is one of the few players who made every All-American in the nation.

Coach Taylor is to be congratulated on his swell coaching job in turning out such a swell team. Our hats are off to the Panthers of 1941.

**BASKETBALL**

Out thought now leave Blackshear Field as we journey to the college gymnasium where there is already plenty of action on the hardwood court.

The boys have found the going plenty tough in basket-ball so far. Only three letter men reported for duty this year. They were Pryor, Hopkins and Warren. A new figure who has proved helpful to this squad is that of Robert Dorsey, a freshman who hails from Houston. Without him the squad would encounter a great loss. He is one of the new members who should be given recognition. Eddie Johnson of Dallas has been doing a nice piece of work, also.

**HAIL TO THE INTRA-MURAL ALL AMERICANS**

Here it is boys and girls, the campus eleven as your sports scribe see it. These were picked from every team on the campus and they are what we consider the best. At ends we have R. T. McDaniels of the sophomores and Lewis Smith of the freshmen; At tackle, Wayman Polk, a senior, and Paul McGaughey, a sophomore. Guards C. D. Vance, sophomore and Green of the freshman. At center we have William Crawford of the Juniors. Now for the backs, and it was a hard job picking these. There were so many flashy hard running backs that we hardly knew whom to pick. So we will stick our neck out by making these selections.

Quarter Back, Nolan Adams	Freshman
Half Back, Adolph Jackson	Senior
Half Back, William Wallace	Senior
Full Back, Lightning Jackson	N. Y. A.

There were many good players of "all campus" caliber that is necessary for us to have to chose a second team.

Name	Position	Class
Cavey	End	Senior
Pruitt	Tackle	Freshman
Reed	Guard	N. Y. A.
Burley	Center	Sophomore
Abram	Guard	Sophomore
Dorn	Tackle	Junior
Henderson	End	N. Y. A.
Baker	Q. B.	Sophomore
Ware	H. B.	Freshman
Davis	H. B.	Junior
Melton	F. B.	Sophomore

All the boys that took part in intra-mural program were good players and sportsmen but they could not all make all-campus. So to these players we say keep fighting and better luck next time.

**HIGH LIGHTS ON INTRA-MURAL**

For the first time in many years the seniors were able to cop an intra-mural championship. Led by Adolphe Jackson, Bennie Ackerman and Big Tub Wallace the seniors were really the undisputed champions. After defeating the freshmen 7-6 the seniors moved on into the finals and defeated the sophomores by a score of 6-0 for the championship.

The sophomore cinderell boys were the surprise of the campus. These boys were doped to finish nothing short of last place. However due to some brilliant playing and fighting spirit the sophomores were second

**THE ANNUAL N. F. A. CONVENTION AND CONTEST**

The State Chapter of the New Farmers of America held its annual meeting on the Prairie View College campus from February 19th to the 21st. The meeting comprised judging contests of seed, livestock, rafter cutting, mimicry, tools and hardware, tap dancing, and declamation.

The convention offered the students of Agriculture and Home Economics an opportunity to witness the actual judging of products and implements used in the rural communities. It really was a treat, especially for those of us who are interested in rural development and improvement.

The occasion brought talent from every rural district in Texas, and created a feeling of competition between the contestants. According to the decision of the judges, these are some of the winners: W. H. Fowler, Wiergate, Texas—Seed identification; livestock, cattle—Clemons School, Neches, Texas; tools and hardware—Y. W. Williams School, Pledger, Texas; chapter conducting—St. Paul School, Greenville, Texas; barnyard mimicry—J. E. Buri, Booker T. Washington School, Teague, Texas.

Following the judging contest was a state N. F. A. basketball tournament. This tournament is one of the high lights of the basketball season. The first place award went to Green Bay of Palestine, Texas. Gethsemenas School of Naples, Texas, was the runner up in the tournament. The games were thrilling and a number of people would like to see Green Bay play a championship game with Phyllis Wheatley of Houston, Texas.

Gold medals were awarded to first place winners. A total of \$196.50 in defense savings stamps was given to 105 individual winners.

The attendance record shows that approximately five hundred contestants and one hundred twenty-five teachers were present.

We all look forward to the coming of the N. F. A. Convention in 1943.

in the penant race.

The Freshmen had a pretty fair team at the start of the season, But due to loss of players and injuries, the boys could not hold up. This caused them to finish in the cellar.

The biggest flop of the season was the mighty Junior Machine. Until this season this was the strongest team on the campus. Overconfidence and cockiness were their downfall. Near the end of the season they managed to push a win over the crippled crabs whcih saved them from the basement.

Here is the final campus satnding:

	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Senior	2	0	Sophmore	1
Junior	1	1	Freshman	2

**PRAIRIE VIEW TRACK TEAM**

Under the instruction of Coach Taylor, the Prairie View track team been practicing daily on Blackshear field. The following fellows are out every day practicing dilligently: Joe Mason, Lewis Smith, Paul Ware, Mitchell Jackson, James F. Tucker, James Boozer, Isaac Lowe, Ernest Martin, Leon English, Oneal Baldwin, Defoe Johnson, O. D. Williams, Raymond Alexander, Champ Branch and Leroy Woodard.

**PANTHER SCHEDULE**

April 10-11—Prairie View Relays	Prairie View
April 17-18—Alabama Relay	Birmingham, Ala.
April 24-25—Drake Relay	Des Moines, Iowa
May 2—Xavier Relay	New Orleans, La.
May 8-9—Tuskegee Relay	Tuskegee, Ala.
May 15-16—Conference Meet at Southern	Scotlandville, La.
June 6—Central Collegiate	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 18-19—National Collegiate	Lincoln, Missouri
July 3-4—National A. A. U.	Dallas, Texas

**R. O. T. C. MAKES CHANGES**

In view of the fact that Prairie View has been promised a Senior unit for next year under the direction of at least one commissioned officer and some non-commissioned officers, Sgt. Tolbert Harris and his list of cadet officers are preparing the present unit for the senior unit recognition. The following officers have been selected for this semester:

Lt. Colonel	E. C. Johnson
Major	Leonard Wallace
Captain	D. L. Alsobrooks
Captain	M. A. Davis
Captain	Fredrick Smith
Captain	A. M. Wickliff
Captain	Dewitt Cook
Captain	Walter Smith
2nd Lt.	Rufus Johnson
2nd Lt.	Calvin McDonald
2nd Lt.	Edward Evans
2nd Lt.	Harold Hall
2nd Lt.	Theodore Wells
2nd Lt.	John E. Gooden, Jr.

Lieutenants Johnson, McDonald, Evans, Hall, Wells, Gooden were commissioned this semester. Under such able officers as these, we might look forward to a more thorough and unique training of cadets to meet the challenging situation that is sure to come when the unit becomes a senior unit in September. The program as outlined by Colonel Johnson and Major Wallace consists of training men to bolster the defense of the nation.

**PRAIRIE VIEW'S HONOR ROLL FOOTBALL CAPTAIN**

The football captain for 1942 has indeed, set an example for his followers. He has done that which many thought as impossible. He has proved that participation in extra-curricular activities should not mean diverting one's attention to that particular channel only.

He has shown with out a doubt that he is capable of holding the position to which he has been elected, for he has kept up to par all duties and responsibilities that he has taken on himself.

The Panther Staff as well as the student body is proud of "Honor Roll Football Captain," Mr. Henry A. Warren. Keep up the good work. We are proud of you.

**Prairie View Host To Many Meets**

The Prairie View Community has for the past few weeks a number of annual meets, which has been of great concern to the entire campus. These meets have brought a number of vistors to the campus, which has shared the hospitality shown them by the students and faculty members of Prairie View. The first of such meets was the State Convention of the Texas Association of the New Farmers of America.

During the meet, there were leadership contest between members from all over the state. The contests involved public speaking, judging, parliamentary procedure, basketball and various other events. Business was transacted for the state organization and plans were made for another year's work. There are approximately 5,000 members in the organization which is made up of rural districts through out the state.

The next meet was the "AA" basketball tournament, comprising the class "AA" schools of Texas. Its purpose was to provide for recreation, the result of which was to be an undisputed state basketball champion of class "AA" schools. These events were very thrilling, and students of Prairie View cheered the teams of their old high schools.

The first week in March was characterized by the meeting of the Post-Medical Assembly. Prairie View received doctors from all points of the nation to give lectures and demonstration on each such subject as obstetrics, tuberculosis, syphilis, internal medicine, and pediatrics. The week ended with the annual Educational Conference conducted by Professor H. A. Bullock, head of the Sociology Department of Prairie View, and attended by some outstanding educators of the Negro Race.

During the week, ending April 11, the annual track and tennis events will be held. This will provide for competitive participation between representatives from college and high schools all over the southwest. This ocasion is one of the most enjoyable of the current year, and large preparation are being made.

**PRAIRIE VIEW GETS SENIOR R. O. T. C. UNIT**

Prairie View State College has been assured a Senior ROTC unit by the War Department. This new activity will begin with the next regular session in September.

The purpose of the ROTC is to qualify selected students for positions of military forces. The senior division includes units corresponding to the various branches of the service. It is divided into a basic course, covering the first two college years, and an advance course covering the last two years. To be eligible to take ROTC course, a student must be enrolled in an institution at which the ROTC has been established. He must be an AMERICAN citizen, not less than 14 years old, and must meet the physical requirements. The ROTC course is elective or compulsory, as the college authorities may decide. The senior unit will bring these advantages:

1. About \$58,000 worth of equipment, including 28 pieces for the band.
2. A military science building costing \$25,000.

**We Tip Our Hats to Coach Taylor**

**KANDID KAMPUS KOMMENTS**

It was just last week that Snooping Sal thought she would never get any news, but it seems as if she was wrong. For here it is.

I wonder why it is that Gloria Gerald can't find anyone else to suit her, since the love affair with Theophilus Neal. She seems to be leading the "ham" list.

Delores Joseph, are you very lonely now, since Jacques Patterson has gone? I hear that "Shag" Coleman is deep in the heart of Texas now. Does that matter?

There is a certain young fellow who visits a certain dormitory every now and then to see one Bobby Tyson. Does J. R. Wheaton know anything about it, Bobbie?

I wonder how true is the love between Eugene Brown and Marion Bridgetts? Is it the real thing, Eugene?

What are you trying to do, Miss Cecil Brunson? Set the world on fire? You'd better leave that for the Ink Spots.

Evelyn Jordan, you seem to have done a good job of taking Eddie Johnson away from Marilyn Boyd. But Marilyn believes in the old adage "that true love never runs smoothly", and is taking it in her stride.

Hattie Blount, "Rabbit" to you, and Joe Berry are just like the weather in Prairie View, very, very changeable.

Since the football session is over, Captain Arthur Lilly has fallen for the nurses. Can't you get Ellie Alice Williams back?

The Eddie Richard-Mildred Alexander affair seemingly is running very smoothly. I wonder if she ever thinks of the Houstonian, Roy Greene. Remember, Mildred?

Did you see the smiles on Annye Penn's face Sunday when Henry Barnwell, 1-A, visited the "hill"? Were you really thrilled, Annye?

Jearldine Davis, better known as "Butch," you're next in line to get a freshman boy friend, as your good friend Claressa Cobb has already done. That's an idea, or had you already thought of it?

Now that Lampley has "chewed" so earnestly and finally won the very likable Martha Estelle back, they seem to be progressing fine. Have there been any interruptions, Martha? We hope not.

Is there anything to the love affair between Maurice Compton and Homizelle Cramer? Be careful, Maurice, don't let your right foot slip.

Mable Tyson, please tell us, confidentially, how did you feel when J. C. Monroe made his last visit to the campus with a beautiful young lady? Were you surprised or hurt?

"Sue-Sue" Williams, who was the young man who made his last visit to see you? Jacque, would another young lady like that?

What happened to these young fellows: Royal Tucker, Jake Boyer, Charles Johnson, Reby Cary, Mack Madison, and Bubba Bright? They were the ones setting the examples for the fellows. As Lil Greene would say, "Why don't you do right, like the other fellows do?"

Dewitt Cook, are you really settling down to one girl or is she out of the ordinary?

Jake Boyer, it isn't like Port Arthur boys to settle down as you have. What about the statement you made that several young ladies have questioned you about? Well, we'll skip that.

Laura Beth Henderson, how often did Peterson tell you that he was coming back? I wonder if Wister Lee likes stepping back on those occasions?

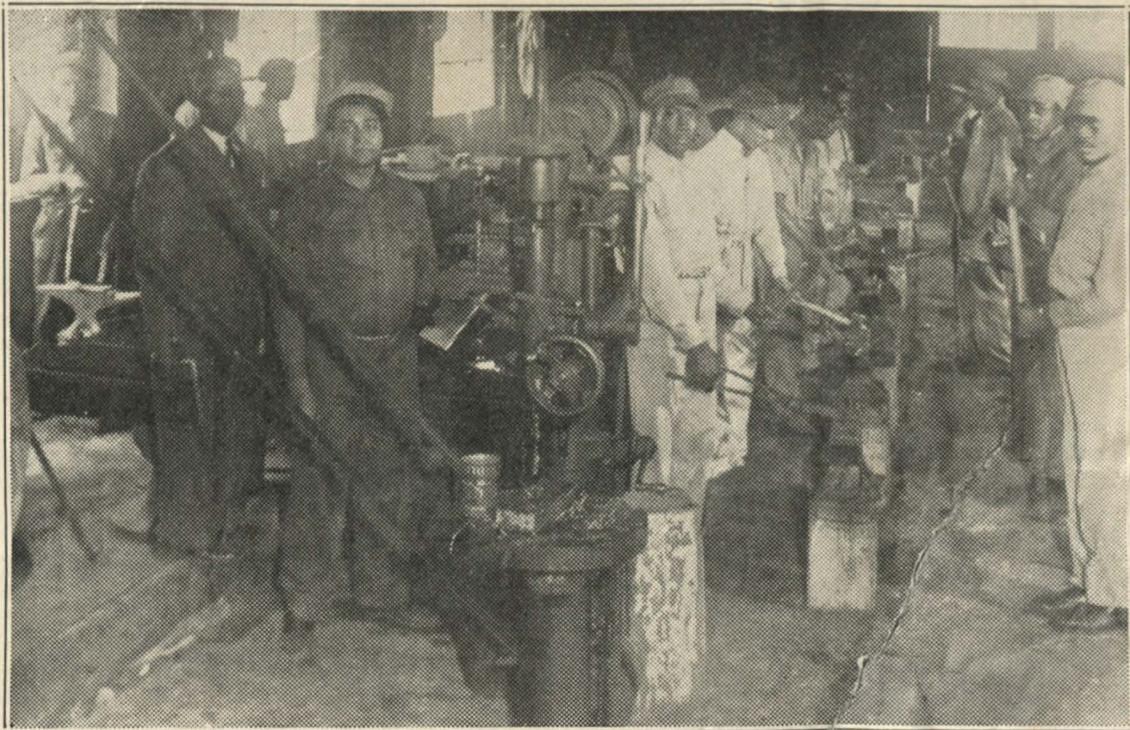
Will Deborah (Going to Chicago) Bedford, please stop moaning and moaning over Eddie Gray's enforced absence from the "hill." Her room mates can't stand much more of it.

Bernice Reed and Vernon (I'm the librarian) Baker seem to have found the answer to "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life", "At last I Found Thee". Either "Oh, Promise Me", or better known, perhaps, "Because", should make that answer more binding judging from the time they spend together, as well as their actions.

Well, this doesn't cover everything happening on the hill, but you be listening and looking again next time, and we'll be listening, looking and scooping again for next time.

Good bye,  
Snooping Sal

**Training For Defense**



**Student's Opinion**

With much concern about the present world crisis, the Panther Staff has taken the initiative to find out what the students think of the Negro and his place in the all-out effort to defend the Country. As a result of interviews of people about the campus, a number of varied opinions were found.

"They are all our countries and all our brothers, so why fight against your country and murder your brother", was William Muckleroy's statement, a sophomore in the arts and science division, when asked to comment on the Negro and the defense of his country.

On the contrary, Cubie Fay Webster of Dallas, says, "We as Americans, have a great role to play in the defense of our country and our government, a long hard war to fight and we must win or again enter servitude."

Wendell Elam, the president of the Freshman Class declared that he would give his life for the defense of democracy; he further stated that, "My forefathers fought, and so will I."

**GRADUATE DIVISION PREPARES EXHIBIT FOR ED. MEETING**

The graduate Division of Prairie View College, under the supervision of Dr. E. M. Norris, Miss Lois Brown and Miss Preston presented as an exhibit for the 13th Educational Conference, March 6, 1942, a group of budgets for domestic workers of varying incomes.

Budgets were prepared for families of three, seven and ten, according to a mean income of \$48.00. Each budget was prepared in order that the individuals who fall in these income levels will have an idea as to what basic foods to purchase with a limited income. It was the purpose of this budget to show that an individual may secure the proper food value on a small income by careful planning.

Since the majority of Negroes in Texas are domestic workers, it was the hope of the graduate committee that all who witnessed this budget gained something that they took with them to their respective communities as a guide to future constructive planning.

**Post Graduate Medical Assembly**

Some of the greatest minds of the medical profession were on the campus the week of March 2-5, attending the 6th Annual Medical Assembly.

The students and faculty of Prairie View are deeply indebted and truly grateful to the Post Graduate Medical Assembly for imparting to us valuable medical information. At special chapel programs, the following successive lectures were given. On Monday, Dr. Roland Scott, Department of Pediatrics, Howard University Medical School, presented a lecture on "Protecting the Health of Children in a Nation at War," in which the point was stressed that the problem of child health is no greater in a nation at war than it has ever been. The problem which affects the majority of our children today, is that of malnutrition. Dr. Scott suggested a way in which this should be met and that was through Education—education through radio, newspaper, the church and through the schools. The problems of child health will be solved when we be-

come equipped to bring the knowledge that the medical profession has attained through the years into contact with the individuals who need it.

On Tuesday morning, Dr. T. K. Lawless, Dermatologist, Northwestern University School of Medicine, presented a lecture on personal hygiene. This was one of the most practical lectures given; and the care of the body, which is said to be neglected by our race, was very frankly placed before us. Dr. Lawless covered the care of the hair, face, mouth, body and the feet.

On Wednesday, we were shown some very interesting as well as educational slides by Dr. C. Wendell Freeman, Syphilologist, Howard University Medical School. This demonstration served to place a certain consciousness on the evils of social disease upon the minds of the students. The various symptoms were clearly shown in detail. The importance of frequent blood test was stressed. Drug store treatment of syphilis was condemned. "The only way in which syphilis may be effectively combated", Dr. Freeman said, "is for the general public to assist in every way possible, city & state health officials and the medical profession at large."

On Thursday morning, Dr. Fredrick B. Stubbs, of Philadelphia General Hospital, presented a lecture on the cause, prevention and cure of tuberculosis. The common symptoms were listed as fever, easy fatigue, pain in chest, excessive coughing, and loss of weight. Early diagnosis and early treatment is the best possible way to combat the disease, it was said. The point that there is no need to assume a pessimistic attitude toward the possible cure of the disease because it is easily cured, was dramatically "driven home" by Dr. Stubbs.

Finally, on Thursday evening, a lecture on "Mental Health in Time of War", was given by Dr. Horton Casparis of Vanderbilt University. We learned that the importance on mental health is really underrated and should be pointed out especially during war time, when the fate of a nation depends upon the morale of its people.

Every student and faculty member alike who had the privilege of hearing these lectures gained much from them, I am sure.

**News of the Debating Club**

During this time every year, students interested in debating can be found discussing issues on the outstanding topics for the coming season. This year is no exception. Under the sponsorship of Dr. F. G. Davis, Professor of Economics, members of the club are working conscientiously to be ready to meet competitive teams within the near future.

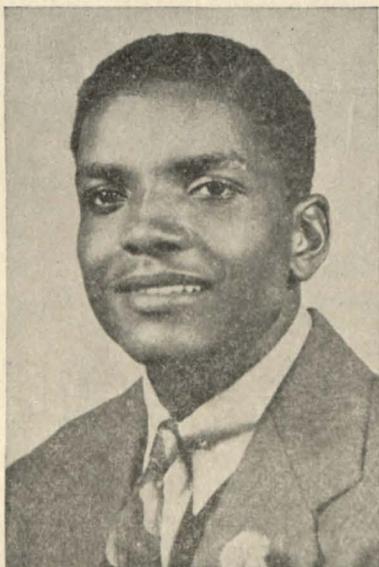
The topic, "Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Regulate by Law all Labor Unions in the United States", is of national importance. Moreover, from all present crisis. Already debaters have caught its significance and importance. Moreover, from all indications they are developing a team for the year that will be equally as good or better than previous teams. There is certainly a marked increase in the total enrollment of members. With continued encouragement, understanding and cooperation from the sponsor, there is certain to be an even greater increase.

**Passes Exam**



William M. Farris has just received the rating from the Civil Service Board for an examination he took recently for the position of "Mechanic Learner" at a salary of \$900.00 per annum. Mr. Farris made the excellent grade of 95 per cent.

**Scholar**



Fred D. Smith, President of the Alpha Pi Mu Honorary Society holds an average of 2.83, which was the highest grade for the first semester. He worked, played football and took a lead in other extra class activities.