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NINETY-FOUR SENIORS TO GRADUATE MAY 18

Editor-In-Chief
1941-42



CHARLES W. JOHNSON
Editor-in-Chief of The Panther member, Alpha Pi Mu Honorary Society, President of Senior Class and Most Versatile Boy in Senior Class.



A View from atop the Science Building showing one of the most beautiful campuses in the South. This view shows rather completely the "cuts."

Mr. Orestor J. Baker
Commencement
Day Speaker

Monday, May 18 at 10:30 a. m. the Sixty-third Commencement exercises at Prairie View will be held in the Auditorium-Gymnasium with Orestor J. Baker, College Librarian, delivering the address.

The line of 94 seniors, and the heads of the divisions will start forming in front of the education building and will march through the campus to the auditorium-gymnasium.

Mr. Baker completed his high school work at Payne University in Selma, Alabama. His college work was done at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia. Hampton Institute at Hampton, Virginia, conferred upon him his first degree in Library Science and at Columbia University in New York City, he was awarded his Master's degree in Library Science. In 1931, Mr. Baker began his work here at Prairie View. He will speak on "The Tasks of Today"

Following the address and music by the college choir, the Principal will confer the degrees upon each candidate, and the members of the graduating class of 1941-42 will leave the building each having become an alumnus of Dear Prairie View.

Alumni Day Set For
May 16

By I. V. Myers

Tremendous plans for the coming Alumni Day, May 16, 1942, are nearing completion, according to Mr. R. W. Hilliard, Executive, Secretary of the Alumni and Ex-Students Association. The program will begin at 9:30 A. M., at which time there will be conducted an Orientation Program for graduating seniors (May and August). Also during this same session, six Prairie View students will discuss, "How the Graduating Class Can Make thee Alumni Stronger".

Just as he has done in previous years, Principal Banks will deliver a speech at this 9:30 session, which is always eagerly anticipated by a group of students who are attempting to go out into the world as leaders. The Business Session will be held at 2:00 P. M. At 5:15 P. M., Schumacher Hall will be dedicated by an alumni or ex-student speaker. The alumni, ex-students, senior class and faculty will attend the banquet at 7:00 P. M. As a crowning feature of the day, this same group will be given the annual dance in the spacious college auditorium. Many P. V. ites are expected to attend and make May 16 one of the best.

Farewell, farewell, dear Prairie View.

Managing Editor
1942-43



ALOYSIUS M. WICKLIFF

Newly-elected Managing Editor of The Panther; Varsity Debater; Captain in R. O. T. C.; Member of the Alpha Pi Mu Honorary Society; President of Catholic Club; Business Manager of Sophomore Class and Member of Dramatic Club.

APPRECIATION

The 1941-42 Staff wishes to express its appreciation for the kind help of its sponsor, Mr. R. W. Hilliard, Mr. G. C. Bell for his cooperation, and to the English Instructors, Mr. G. L. Lockett, Miss A. L. Campbell and Miss R. B. Isaac for their help in correcting the articles.

Science News

The high standard of the Science department is being maintained under the direction of Dr. R. P. Perry and the Science Faculty.

Some of the problems undertaken for study by the department deal with the natural surroundings of the Prairie View area. A study has been made concerning the interest of students in the Science department. It is hoped that such studies, investigations, and experiments carried on in the department may be of service to the Community and the medical profession.

The following thesis subjects are indicative of the department's activity in this regard: In the Biology department Charles Johnson is making a study of "Blood Platelet Number in Allergic Individuals (Hay fever, asthma and other hypersensitiveness) and Correlation with Blood Coagulation Time"; Walter Conner is making a "Survey of Crustacea in the Vicinity of Prairie View"; Miss Ovid Houston is making an investigation of "Why Students Major in the Biological Sciences."

In the Chemistry department, Miss Ida Bourdeaux has been successful in the work done on "The Formation and Pharmacotherapeutic Properties of Some Local Anesthetics. 1. The Alkamine Esters of Some Substituted Cinmanic Acids;" Charles Brown has done an investigation on "Chemicals in Modern Warfare."

EVERY branch of knowledge which a good man possesses, he may apply to some good purpose.
—G. Buchanan.

Farewell Picnic

By Ross Ella Rydolph

Friday, May 15, 1:00 P. M. the Class of '42 gathered in the Senior Garden and hiked from there to the Boy Scout Ground.

The students were neatly attired in their hiking clothes which made a typical college scene of hiking along the road.

Upon reaching the ground, various games were played such as baseball, softball, and table polo. Favorite songs were sung among which were "Old Black Joe", "I Surrender Dear", "Down by the Old Mill Stream", "I Don't Want to Walk Without You", and "Deep in the Heart of Texas".

After the games and singing were over, every one settled down to the sumptuous repast consisting of: Broiled "Weenies" and Rools, Stuffed Egg Salad, Potato Chips, Pickles, Soda Water, Marshmallows for Toasting and Peanut Butter Cookies.

When the repast was finished, a circle was formed by the group and everyone participated in the singing of the favorite song which signifies dear memories, "Old Auld Syne" and then departed from the Camp Ground for the Campus of Dear Ole P. V.

BOUQUET OF THE YEAR
 goes to
MISS H. T. FARREL
 and **LAUNDRY STAFF**
 For Their Cooperation And
 Courteous Service
 —The EDITOR

Farewell To Prairie View

Farewell is a word often highly uttered and readily forgotten. But when it marks the rounding-off and completion of a chapter of life, it sticks somewhat in the throat.

During the past four years at Prairie View, we, the graduating class of '42, have gained some knowledge of nature and men, of laws and institutions, of canons of conduct and taste, and of duty and labor. We have been prepared to to such an extent that we are willing to go out into the world and pour the full might of our knowledge and power into the great tasks that will confront us.

To the faculty members of Prairie View, we are deeply grateful and indebted for your instruction and supervision.

As we leave the ranks of our Alma Mater our parting words are: Dear Prairie View, our beloved school, may you ever cherish the great purpose to send out men and women of high ideals. May you continue to prepare a band of explorers and discoverers who shall illumine the pathway of our race in its march forward and upward.

Finally:
Prairie View, our beloved college
Where we have studied for four years

Where we have gained unlimited knowledge

We now leave you with much regret and many tears.

Onward and upward we strive to ascend

Higher goals we will strive to pursue

Your high ideals we will cherish and defend

THE PANTHER

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A FAREWELL

By Charles W. Johnson

The time has come for the Seniors of 1942 to bid you, our school-mates, farewell. It is true, we have completed an important phase of our lives, that of preparation. But we are now going into a more important phase. We are going into a period where we will be tested on every hand. The test or examination is always the culminating point of any assignment. Some of us will pass the test and others will fail. We are going out into the world that is "waiting" for us, a world that is waiting with hard fists, cruel arms and cruel eyes. These things are designed to knock us down whenever we become too sure of ourselves. One thing all graduates should remember is "the disgrace is not in falling or being knocked down," but in lying there after being knocked down. No one can say he has fought unless he has risen after being knocked down. If he stayed on the ground, he was whipped!

To the underclass school mates whom we are leaving, we cannot give any advice, because we are hardly "dry behind the ears." But we can tell you some things that we feel, on the basis of experience, that will help you. A number of our classmates, who started with us as Freshmen, will never receive any sort of diploma. Why? Because of one simple thing.—During the summer months, they forgot themselves! They slipped. They made a debt, a very small one, and now they are paying with every bit of agony a human being can endure. Some were too "good" to work when they got out of school. Some worked, but were thoughtless and spent their money on too many clothes. They thought the money was "coming up from somewhere." It didn't. Others made the mistake of attempting to crowd nine months of "fun" into three summer months. They wanted to "live." These are the things the Class of '42 is hoping won't happen to you! We, the members of the Class of '42 are praying that you will have the courage and determination to hold on.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said, "I will prepare myself, and someday my chance will come." Prairie View has helped us to prepare ourselves. It remains for us to show Prairie View and society that we are able to handle our chance! There are some poor unfortunates who see opportunity and never recognize it.

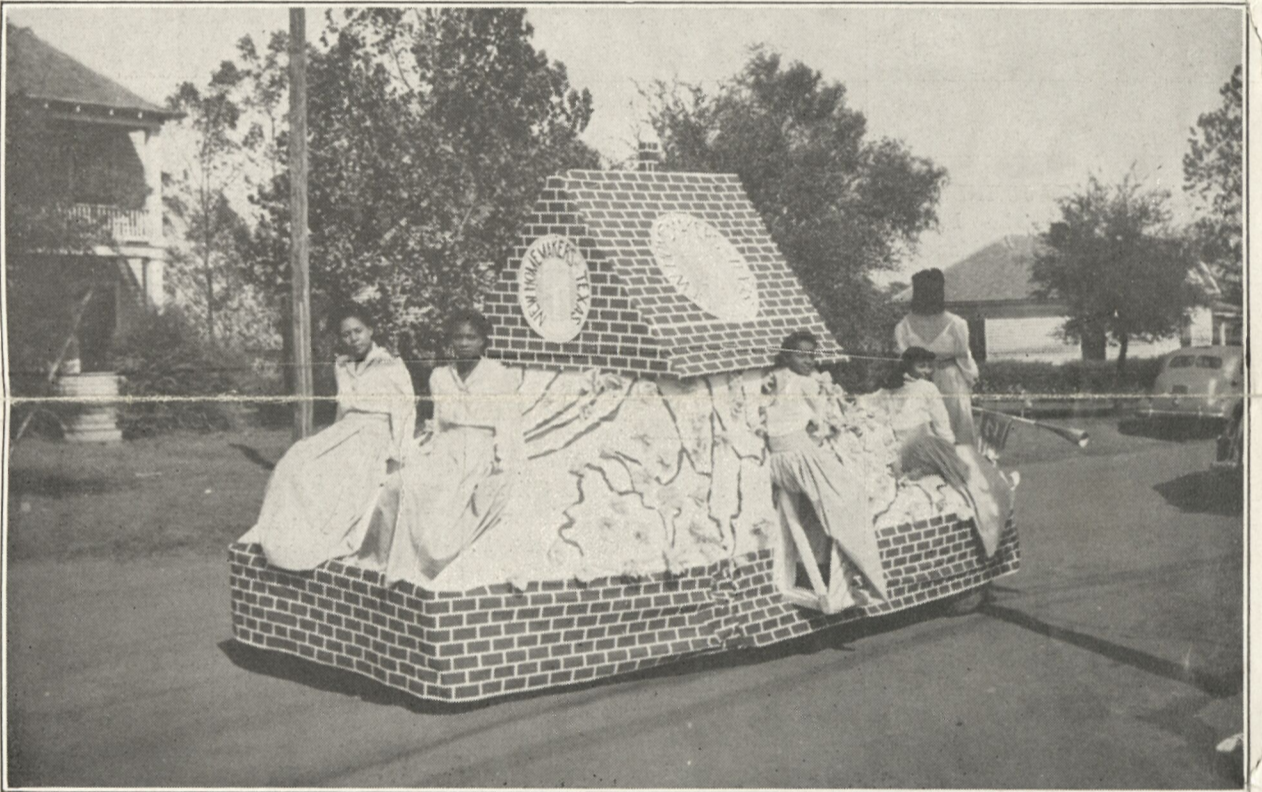
We have spent four years preparing ourselves to improve our social environment, to improve the social and economical status of the Negro race, and to make better American citizens! As a member of the Class of '42, I feel safe in saying that we will do all possible toward accomplishing these aims. We are going out into the rural areas where ignorance regins supreme, and educate those black brothers of ours, who have been less fortunate. In our farewell to you, we ask that you pray but one prayer for us. **MAY GOD HELP US TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS!**

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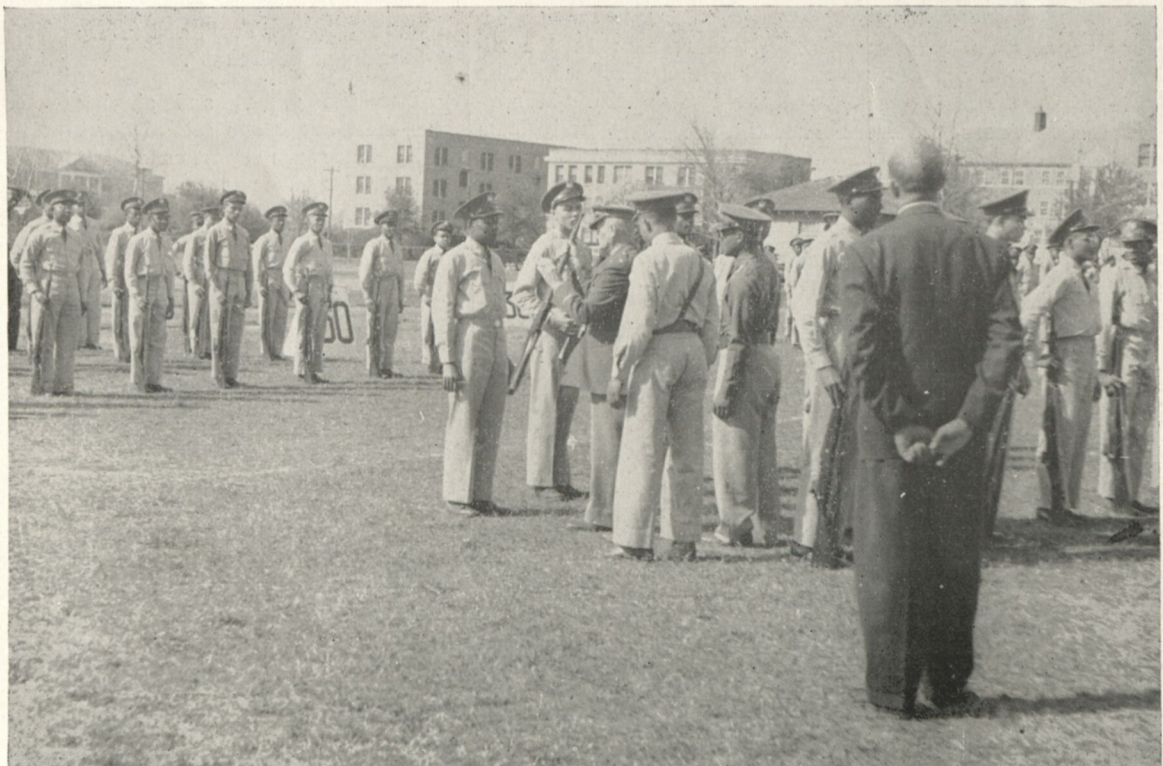
FAMILIAR SCENES



MISS PRAIRIE VIEW— Crowned by Etta Moten



A HOME ECONOMICS FLOAT



PRINCIPAL BANKS observes the inspection of R. O. T. C. Unit by Officer from A. & M. College.

FIVE TRACK STARS



PRAIRIE VIEW'S CRACK RELAY TEAM

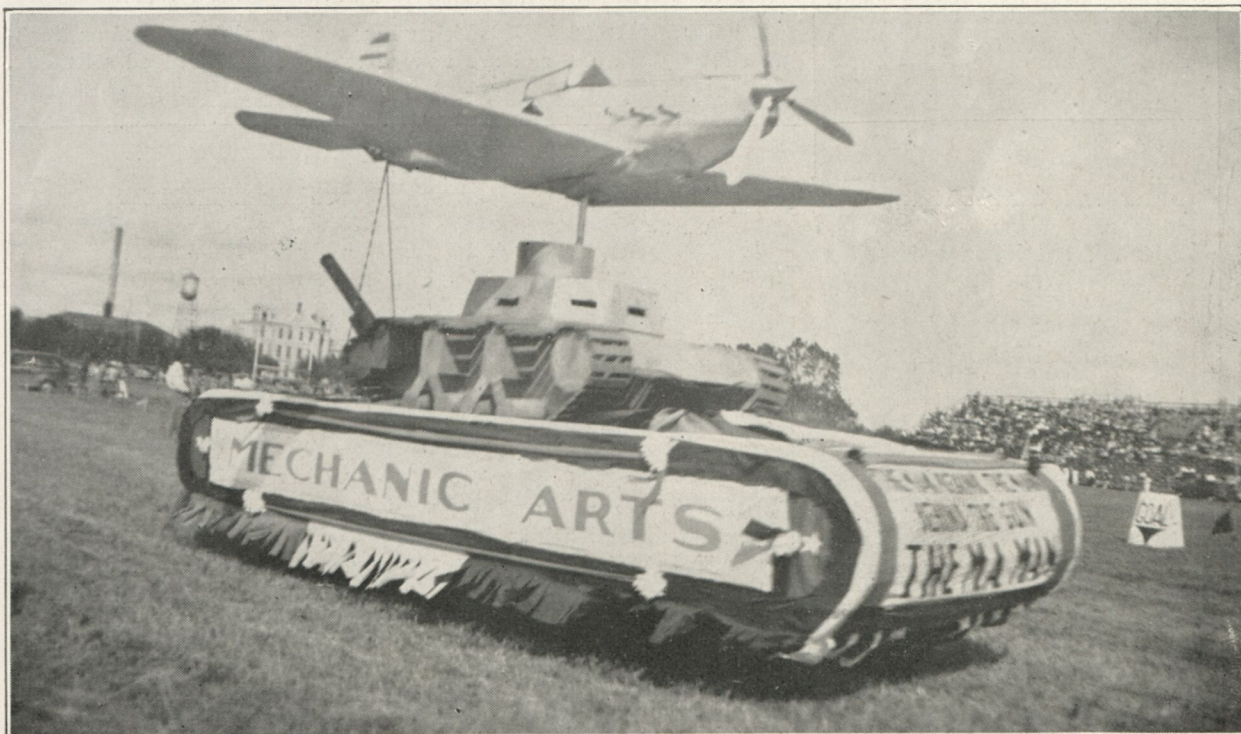
—composed of Captain Joe Mason, Paul Ware, Leon "Speedy" English, Flash Baldwin, and Louis "Jack Rabbit" Smith. This team has won races and broke records at the Butler, Kansas, Drake, Prairie View, Xavier, and Tuskegee Relays.

A CLASS IN WELDING



Some of the members of the Welding Class passed a Special Welding Examination given by the State Welding Examiner on Saturday, April 25, 1942 in Houston. In all probability they will be sent to New Orleans, La., to take jobs as welders' helpers.

MECHANIC ARTS VICTORY FLOAT



The float pictured above, was designed and built by the boys of the Mechanics Arts Club. The float, symbolic of America's preparedness program, won first prize on Homecoming Day.

CLASS PROPHECY

by Mercedes Delores Mann

Gee, I am happy to steal a day off and be on the Prairie." Homecoming too! The people are gathering on the grandstand, and the floats are parading. Among all this excitement I should see a few familiar faces. Well, well, Richie Dell Archie and Lillian Malone are beautifully gowned arriving in a long black Cadillac. They are on their way to California where Lillian is giving a recital—and Richie Dell is the accompanist.

Miss Iva Mae Stewart is married to Mr. Andrew Hopkins. They are living in New York where he is playing professional football with one of the leading leagues. There are two little football heroes.

We have an owner of several night clubs in our midst in the person of Thornton Lamply whose business extends from New York to Houston.

Mrs. Ruth Jackson, (formerly Ruth McCullough) is a leading social lady in Cat Spring, Texas where her husband, Adolph Jackson is the County Agent.

Miss Lillian Reeves is Head of the English Department in Columbia University and Thelma Lewis is Head of the Mathematics Department. They are unable to attend our reunion. Gratie Mae Thompson heads the English Department at Prairie View. The senior English majors are experiencing a happy college life.

Arthur C. Lilly, who is still a bachelor, has developed a wonder team of the Prairie from freshmen as you can see, they are debating Langston and on their way to the Southwest Conference Championship. He has succeeded Coach S. E. Taylor.

Edgar Lee Sadbery is still rural, but royal as he has discovered oil on his farm and is now touring South America.

Dimples Coffey has just returned from the National A.A.U. Meet where her girl won several track prizes. She has just recently married an outstanding Major in World War No. II.

Mack Madison is an outstanding Bishop in Africa; with him is his wife, Dorothy Nell Campbell, who has given him wonderful assistance in all his work. Together have composed several religious songs.

Miss Kathryn Crunk is the proud mother of five boys, Iky, Miky, Spiky, Jiky and Tiky. Traversia Viola is the happy help-mate.

Martha Estelle, who is being crowned as Miss Home Coming, is head Librarian at Simmons College, Boston, Mass.

Miss Hortense Collins has married a major and is now living in Ft. Huachuca where she is carefully budgeting to send her son to West Point.

Robbie Graham is a modiste

with a shop in Gary, Indiana.

The "Clevo-Franko Favorite Hot Cake Shop" has donated Prairie View a swimming pool. The owners of this prosperous business are Hazel Cleveland and Effie Franks.

Miss Theresa Monte Sheppard, who is now a widow, has succeeded Mrs. Lucy Hughes as President of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Drive to Houston and swing and sway to the rhythm of "Brown's Orchestra." It is nationally known and Nelda McElroy is vocalist.

Laura Beth Henderson, Lucille Young, Marjorie Kemper, Chaney Inez Portis has succeeded Mrs. Estues as Superintendent of Nurses at Prairie View.

John Carroll is Manager of a large bakery shop in Houston, Texas.

Roberta Johnson is a County Nurse in Brazoria County, and she has set up a clinic for rural children.

Naomi Spinks has received her degree in Nursing from the University of Minnesota.

Essie Blair is an Airline Hostess and her route is from New York to Los Angeles.

Miss Geraldine Walker is touring as vocalist for the "Bright Orchestra." Bright is tops with his sax says the band.

Van Bettie Robinson is Dean of Women at Xavier University.

Ovid Houston and Viola are the proprietors of the Houston and Burney Undertaking Parlor in San Antonio, Texas.

Mattie Hamilton is head of the Psychiatric Department at General Hospital Number 2 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Everett Hunter is serving a term of twelve years in the State Penitentiary for misusing Brown County Funds.

Bennie Jean Cook is nationally known adviser on emotional disturbances.

The Gees, Ruth, Lois, and Cleo-phus are operating the Gee Oil Estate and they are here in a beautiful limousine. It is rumored that they plan to donate a large sum of money to their Dear Alma Mater, Prairie View.

Evelyn Guinn, Thelma Rand, and Bennie Taylor are Associate Professors at University School of Social Work.

Estella Allen is a famous musician who will play at Carnegie Hall soon.

Juanita Harrington is the author of a book titled "The Negro's Part in World War Number 2."

Frances Howell is the Head of a Nursery School in Austin, Texas.

Miss Lodie Henderson is now playing with Fletcher Henderson's swing band.

Well, Prairie View has won the game, and I must return to my 500 acre farm in Luling, Texas, to spend the rest of the day with my two little Dornlets, rabbits and chickens.

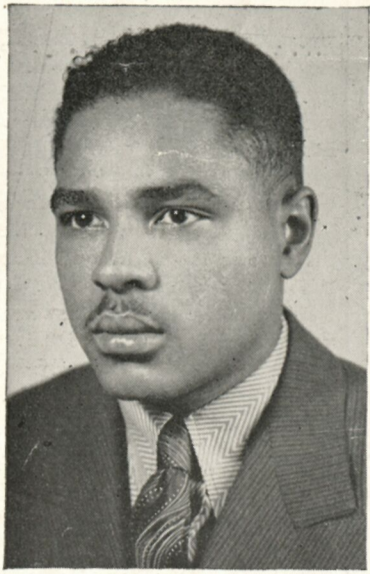
FAREWELL, SENIORS

By A. M. Wickliff

Having spent four years of study and hard work, the graduating seniors surely are willing to accept with great joy their certificates of graduation. They are going to meet the future that we are preparing to face. Their finishing before us is advantageous because the way will be pioneered for those of us who propose to follow through.

Happiness may your future be. Certainly, this happiness is wished to you by the whole student body. It is desired because of the wonderful example you have set here on the campus—an example that is worthy of emulating. We are going to strive to do an equitable amount of commendable work. Surely we can profit by your accomplishments and few mistakes.

The PANTHER Staff and Student Body wish you, seniors, all the happiness and prosperity that the future can possibly hold.



EDGAR SADBERRY
Most Handsome Boy



GRATIE MAE THOMPSON
Most Likely to Succeed in Life.



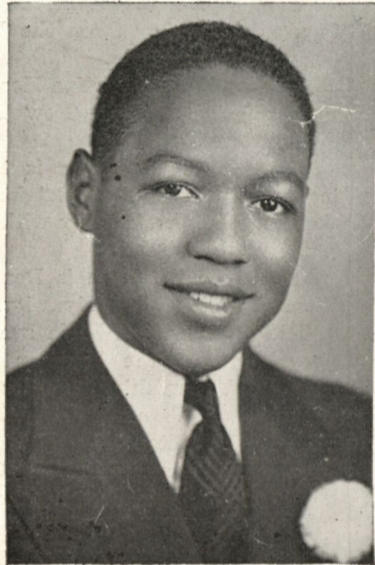
MARTHA V. ESTELLE
Most Popular Girl



MARY K. HARDEE
Best Dressed Girl



LILLIAN REEVES
Most Beautiful Girl



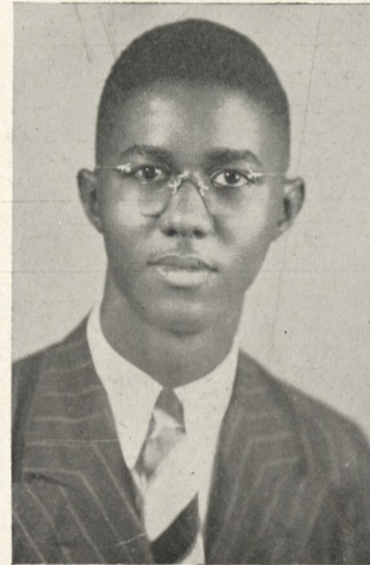
HENDERSON D. HALL
Best Dressed Boy



G. W. MERVIN
Most Jiving Boy



HORACE McMILLAN and
CHARLES JOHNSON,
Most Popular Boy, and Most Ver-
satile Boy, respectively. (Myers'
Photo).



EARL HARRIS
Most Scholarly Boy



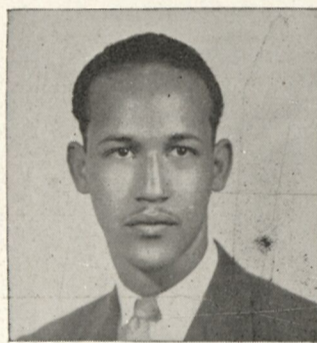
HENRY A. WARREN
Newly-elected Captain of the Foot-
ball Team, and Member of Honor
Roll.



LAMAR H. CALDWELL
An Honor Graduate of the Senior
Class



GERALDINE WALKER
Secretary to the Panther Staff
1941-42



LEONARD WALLACE
Junior; Recently appointed repre-
sentative of the Panther on the
Faculty. Mr. Wallace is the first
student receiving this appoint-
ment.



THE SCIENCE BUILDING, where many seniors entered as fresh-
men four years ago and are now emerging as full-fledged scientists.



IDA MAE BOUDREAUX
An Honor Graduate of the Senior
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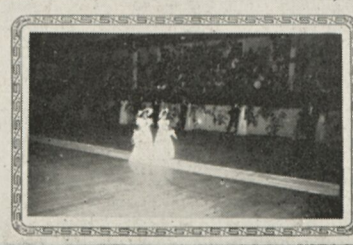


ANNE BOSTON, Sophomore
1942-43
Newly elected Assistant Secretary
of Panther Staff.

N-O-T-E

CHANGE IN PUBLICATION
OF THE PANTHER

The publishing of the Panther will be carried on by the Managing Editor beginning next session. The Editor-in-Chief will be representative of the Panther to the faculty, with the Managing Editor automatically becoming Editor-in-Chief the following year.



Upper Photo (from left to right): Dr. Warren and Coach from Xavier; Students of Prairie View witness the performance of the concert orchestra; Defoe Johnson, anchoring the distance medley relay.
Bottom: Martha Estelle as she marches to be crowned "Miss Prairie View"; Her little Fower Girls as they showered the pathway with roses; Students coming from classes.