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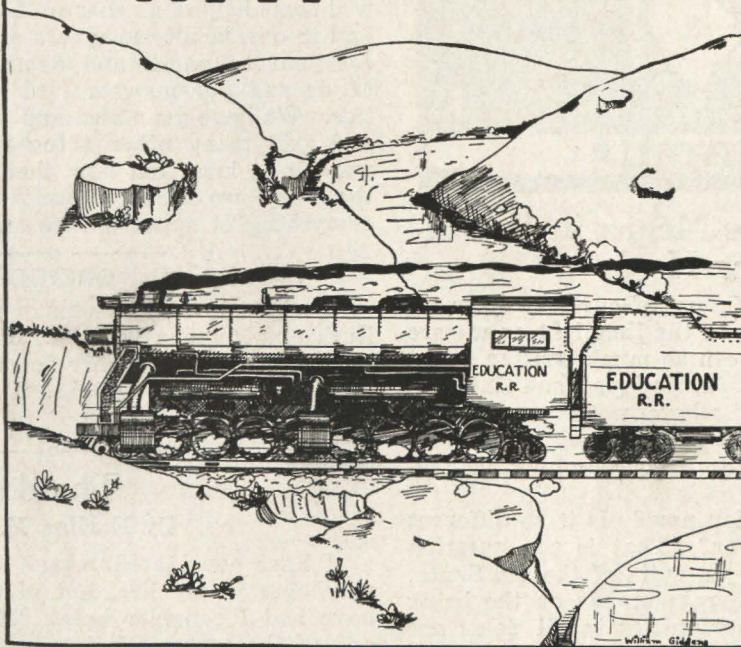
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## A Future for the Negro in World War II

Never before in the history of our race have we as a people been so much in the limelight as we are now. There has never been so much written about the status of the Negro in National and International affairs. In a land where we have cause to wonder just how important we are, it seems all of a sudden we have sprung into a position of great significance.

But what of our position now? Is it so different from that of the last war? That is the question for each of us to decide. In spite of the old South, and the North, the Negro race stands on the brink of a new day where opportunities in all fields are being unfolded. In spite of the many acts of prejudice we meet each day in almost everything we do, I would say "yes." Disregarding the fact our boys are called to arms to defend our country and if necessary die for it, yet segregate and limit our advancement in that service; or the fact the Red Cross would ask us to donate blood and then label it "Negro Blood." Despite these distasteful things, things that hurt, I would say chances are better for us as a race of people.

It is indeed difficult to put one's finger on a racial opportunity or to say with definiteness whether or not there has been real progress over a period. Racial opportunities and progress, like the

process of evolution, fail to move in a straight line. Opportunities come to some and fail to come to others. So don't expect a rapid change. Expect reaction to our apparent increase in opportunities, for the majority of the citizens of the United States would rather see us lose the war than for the Negro to come to his rightful place. We all fear an inevitable change, a post-war adjustment forced by us taking places as rightful leaders of our people.

A time like this, however, is a challenge to us and to our intelligence. This is a day when preparation must be greatly emphasized so that the opportunity that comes to us may not go by default. The challenge is ours to keep our heads on our shoulders and think clearly, for as a minority group we are fertile soil for axis propaganda, to which we must never become lured and victimized. The challenge is ours to be loyal to this country, in face of its inherent injustices; for those who help most to win this war shall be able to talk louder when the peace comes. And finally, the challenge is ours to lift our heads, in the face of mob violence, disfranchisement and unequal employment opportunities, and keep the faith and the hope in our country and ourselves that a new and better day lies ahead.

## Farewell

We, the members of the Senior class, wish to express to the ones who have gone on before us and made the way easier for us, to the ones who will come behind us that we have paved the way for, and to our faculty members at Prairie View, thanks for your tolerance and sympathetic understanding of us and our many varied and unique personalities. We have grumbled and fussed and complained and said many other things about the place that weren't so kind, but now that we are about to face the world we wish for our Alma Mater the best of everything in opportunities and advancements.

## ORCHIDS

Orchids to two Freshman young women: Misses Ruth and Ramona Vaughn. These two young ladies have made a great sacrifice this year to help the "Panther" to be a success. I am indeed grateful to them.—Ida Bess Barton.

## Thanks

By Earline M. Ross

I have considered myself as having many rare privileges in my life, but of the many privileges I have had I consider being "Miss Prairie View" as one of the rarest. It is a privilege that has given me many rich experiences which include my crowning at the Rose Bowl game, Homecoming, Coronation Ball and the annual track meet.

I wish to thank each and everyone sincerely for my success, with special thanks to my mother and father, Miss Blanche B. Jackson, Miss Vernon James, Pvt. Paul Pittman, Mr. Rupert Roette, Mr. Calvin Rolark, Mrs. Phillip, Mr. and Mrs. von Charlton, Mrs. Charleston, Mr. R. W. Hilliard and many more too numerous to list.

It is indeed hoped that I have served in the capacity of queen so as to satisfy everyone I represented.



## Strange Fruit of Race Hatred Southern Ruling Class Indicted

STRANGE FRUIT. By Lillian Smith, New York. Reynal & Hitchcock, 371 pages. \$2.75.

Beautiful Nonnie Anderson, college-bred Negro girl, is the mistress of Tracy Deen, ne'er-do-well son of a prominent white family of a small Georgia town. Torn between his love for Nonnie and his sense of respectability, Deen is finally persuaded by a local evangelist to choose "the right." He decides to give up Nonnie and marry the white girl of his family's choice.

Nonnie's brother Ed, home on a visit from his government job in Washington, hears of the affair and, enraged by the white man's treatment of his sister, shoots him. A mob forms to find the killer. Ed escapes, but an innocent Negro is lynched to satisfy the mob's bloodlust.

"Strange Fruit" is a bitter indictment of the Southern ruling class in its treatment of the Negro.

The author underlines two of the main grievances of the Negro. Whether educated or illiterate, he has little chance at any but menial jobs and therefore is condemned to poverty. He is treated with condescension or contempt by the white man.

On the whole, Lillian Smith makes a convincing case, though her principal characters are not as well developed as some of the minor characters with whom she is not so emotionally involved.

Gentle, dreamy Nonnie is happy to give the white man she loves all that he asks without asking anything in return. She is too idealized to be truly convincing. Tracy Deen, weak, unambitious, though charming, stands out clearly as a representative of a decadent aristocracy. Ed, Nonnie's brother, typifies the ambitious, intelligent Negro, restless and bitter about the humiliation of his race. He stands out as a type rather than as a personality.—The Daily Texan.

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## Negro Pianist Shows Brilliance of Technique

Philippa Schuyler, 13-year-old Negro girl pianist, last night justified advance predictions of her talent by playing a remarkable recital in the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. She was brought here as one of a series of artists appearing under the auspices of Samuel Huston College.

The outstanding points of her performance lay in her technical brilliance. She seemed to prefer complicated compositions in which she could display a sure touch and a perfection of fingering.

The program included a group of her own compositions, written between the ages of 6 and 12, be-

fore she had any training in musical form. They were brief impressions, such as "Pinochio," "A Moment In a Steel Mill" and "Minuetta." They indicated that she might have come to an understanding of what she could accomplish with her hands some years before she began to comprehend the deeper aspects of music, but as impressions they were extraordinarily well done.

Philippa began playing at the age of three and was composing a year later. Her talent was discovered when she entered the National Piano-Playing Tournament, when she was still so small she had to be lifted up on a piano stool. She has won eight first prizes from the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Society, and has been barred from further participation in its contests as she is regarded as unfair competition. She is the youngest member of the National Association of American Composers and Conductors.

Upon completion of this tour she will go to Mexico City to study Mexican Music.—L. S.

—The Daily Texan

## The Joy of Being An Editor

Helping to get out this paper is no picnic.  
If we print jokes, people think we are silly.  
If we clip things from other magazines, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.  
If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.  
If we stick too close to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting news.  
If we do get out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office.  
If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius.  
If we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.  
If we make a change in the others' writeups, we are too critical.  
If we don't we are asleep.  
Now, likely as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some other paper.  
WE DID!

The Naval Mine Depot basketball team of Barracks A, B, E. and F certainly made the station proud by winning two games this past week. On Friday, January 14, our "Five" traveled to Camp Patrick Henry and in two "overtimes" came out the victors 27-25. It was a thriller all the way through. The NMD team, which was trailing all through the game, tied the score with a few minutes left to play in the final quarter. In the first overtime neither team scored and in the next overtime our boys decided not to wait any longer and Oscar Pipkin dropped the "winning basket."—Naval Mine Depot.

# CLASS WILL

By Carol Joy Andrews

It is customary for the graduating Seniors to leave to the Juniors some things which they consider necessary to possess in order to have a well-rounded college life. The Seniors of the Sociology Department—Hazel Hawkins, Nollie Jackson, Carol Joy Andrews, Faye Wylla McClellan—will to the Juniors of this department their tolerance, endurance and tedious efforts to finish in four years under Dr. H. A. Bullock.

Katherine Gee wishes to leave her serving ability to Misses Odessa Allen and Eloise Brooks, and her keen sense of humor to Misses Vera Bradley and Irene Walton.

Jennie A. Burnett wills her versatility to Cubie Faye Webster. Thelma Lee Erwin wills her ability to debate to Selma Lois Collins. Juanice Pollock wills her neatness of dress to Ola Mildred Andrews. Eloise Moore wills her unprecedented seat in the English Department to Loleta Stearne.

Fannie Drisdale wills her personality and ability to win friends to Argie Mae Edwards.

Celia Hines wills her air of dignity and habit of holding her head high to Willie Mae Rivers. Hazel Myrtle Hawkins bequeaths to Loleta Stearne her ability to beat Dr. Sasser arguing, and to Jeanette Jackson her ability to take adequate notes from her honored professor, Dr. H. A. Bullock.

Miss Prairie View wills her crown to be worn by either of the following young ladies: Mabelle "Wiggie" Brown, Wanda Pollock or Theresa Anderson.

Doris B. Washington wishes to leave her cooking ability to Miss Emma Lillian Norville, and her keen sense of humor and ability to get along with others successfully to Jean Harris and Zenobia Payne.

Ida Bess Barton wills to John Crear and his classmates her place in the Biology Department. To Hortense Williams she wills her position with the Panther staff.

We, the Seniors all, will to the Juniors our privilege to walk up the highway and Senior Garden and hope that they will prove themselves worthy of additional specialties.

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## Should College Students Have the Right to Strike?

(An Excerpt from the Afro-American)

President John W. Davis said:

"Yes, strikes represent a form of protest and students in colleges and universities should not be denied this method of registering their grievances."

"I also take the position that a strike on the part of students or others can belittle their intelligence and judgment if all channels of arbitration and negotiation have not been exhausted before the strike is resorted to."

"A strike might also serve as an educational technique. In our courses on labor problems and collective bargaining our students are taught the use of the strike in improving the economic and community life of the people. The strike instrument is used regardless of laws to the contrary."

—The Yellow Jacket

## Four Qualities of a Magnetic Personality

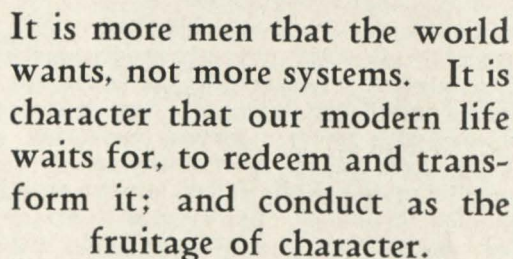
Personality is defined as the integrated total of the traits possessed by an individual. Of course, it would be impossible for everyone to possess a magnetic personality, but even so, nothing is so pleasing as coming in contact with a person of magnetic personality. The traits which lean toward a magnetic personality are numerous and varied, but in my estimation the ones which tend to develop character, and likewise personality, are friendliness, tact, courtesy and sincerity. To begin with, friendliness is an important factor in every undertaking, regardless of what it is. Friendliness does not mean only agreeableness and pleasantness, but it means also approachability, considerateness, thoughtfulness and sympathy as well. A person who considers himself friendly should be able to accustom himself to conditions and surroundings without being a complaining bore! He should never allow himself to remain a stranger in a group, nor should he be friendly to the point of forcing himself on others.

Secondly, tact should also be treated as an influential factor. We have undoubtedly all heard the expression, "It's not what we say, but how we say it." This is a true explanation of tact. One is not always able to give his true opinion, but if he is tactful, he possesses that peculiar ability to deal with others without giving offense.

A third trait of equal significance is courtesy—courtesy in speech as well as in action. Courteous acts have often led to leadership. It is one of the keynotes of success. Without courtesy and refinement, one could never, even in a lifetime, expect to develop and attain a pleasing personality.

A final and most influential character trait is sincerity. Sincerity usually arises from a desire to make a good impression for the sake of achieving one's own ends or to cover up one's feelings of inferiority. Specifically one cannot make flattering remarks to a person's face and then criticize him adversely behind his back, and still consider himself as having a magnetic personality. All in all, if one has been fortunate enough to develop such a personality, he should do his utmost to keep it and to make the most of it.—Alice E. Barnes, '46.

—Xavier Herald



It is more men that the world wants, not more systems. It is character that our modern life waits for, to redeem and transform it; and conduct as the fruitage of character.



Left to right: Ida Bess Barton, Editor, Beta Phi Chi 42-44, Dramatics 40-44, Member Student Activity Committee; Hortense Williams, Secretary, Track 43-44, Panther Staff 43-44; David Oliver, Business Manager, Editor of Craftsman 43-44, Band 40-44.

## Resume of the Graduate Division

By Mrs. L. B. Witherspoon and Mrs. E. Butler

During the school session of 1937-'38 plans were laid for the beginning of a graduate school at Prairie View State College, the first graduate class enrolling in the summer session of 1938 with an attendance of 33 students. At the close of the summer session, 1939, two students completed the degree of Master of Science, namely, Miss Frieda Rhone and Mrs. Arnye Jones Harrison. From 1938 to date approximately 600 students have enrolled in the graduate division. Forty-nine of these students have been awarded degrees.

Spring, 1943, the legislature of Texas made substantial appropriations for the advancement and interest of Prairie View State College. Fortunately among these was an annual appropriation of \$3,000 for graduate scholarships. The fellowships are awarded to students selected by the graduate committee, on the basis of scholastic attainment, worthiness of character and promise of success in the principal field to which the "fellow" proposes to devote himself. The award covers a period of twelve months, one regular session and one summer session of continuous work. A person receiving the award is expected to render services to the institution in consideration of the award.

Among the "fellows" here now are Misses Eulalia V. Butler, Victoria Blanks, Sarah L. Hathaway, Mrs. Thelma Rand Fennoy, Mrs. Lottie Boone Witherspoon and Beaugard Stubblefield. These students have chosen the following fields of study:

Miss Eulalia Butler, B.S., Prairie View State College '43; Palestine, Texas—Mathematics and General Education.

Beaugard Stubblefield, B.S., Prairie View '43; Houston, Texas—Mathematics and Chemistry.

Miss Victoria Blanks, A.B., Prairie View '43; San Antonio, Texas—English and Administration and Supervision.

Mrs. Thelma Fennoy A.B., Prairie View '42; Lodi, Texas—Sociology and Economics. Former teacher public school, Conroe, Texas.

Miss Sarah L. Hathaway, A.B., Prairie View '42; Taylor, Texas—English and Mathematics. Former teacher in Taylor public school system.

Mrs. Lottie Boone Witherspoon, B.S., Prairie View '41; Bay City, Texas—Home Economics. Formerly Home Demonstration Agent, Milan County.

With the fellowship award as an incentive it should be the aim of every student to maintain a worthy character and a good scholastic rating. Build your graduate school.

## Research Work Being Done By Graduate Student

By Mrs. Thelma Fennoy

The graduate department offers opportunities in research to students of Sociology.

There is an opportunity for students to get experience as field enumerators in the collection of data for the Annual Educational Conference. Further experience in the techniques of research is given in the handling of collected data. Students learn how to tabulate and classify data.

Each graduate student is required, in partial fulfillment of requirements for a Master of Science degree to do some type of research. It has been in this instance that I have had experience which I wish to relate to you.

My research problem deals with the "Spatial Distribution of Deaths in the City of Houston, Texas." In order that I may be able to determine the spatial pattern of deaths it was necessary for me to secure specific information from the registration files from the Vital Statistics Bureau of the City Health Department. This information included the following for each death of residents of Houston for the total population, white, Negro and Mexican for the three-year period, 1939 through 1941:

1. Address of Deceased.....
2. Age, Race, Sex of Deceased.....
3. Primary Cause of Death.....

Because Mr. Alburn, the Chief Registrar and Statistician for the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and his co-workers were so generous and courteous in making available the necessary data, I experienced no difficulty in gathering my data.

Numerous studies have been previously made dealing with the Spatial aspect of social phenomena. The study having received the most publicity is "Delinquency Areas" by Clifford R. Shaw of Chicago University. He shows the spatial distribution of delinquency rates as they existed in the metropolitan center of Chicago. Shaw spotted on a large base map of Chicago the residence of youth offenders and discovered they were grouped in certain characteristic areas. Some areas had very high and others very low per capita rates. The variations in per capita rates when spotted on the base map made a definite spatial pattern of gradiancy. The areas of delinquency as presented by Shaw is very dense near the dominant center of the city, but tends to decrease with an increase in distance from the center.

There have been numerous other studies made dealing with the spatial aspect of social phenomena. Some such studies are: James H. Bossard and Thelma Dillions' study of the **Spatial Distribution of Divorced Women** in Philadelphia; Faris and Dunham's study of **Mental Disorders in Urban Areas**; Dr. H. A. Bullock's study, **The Spatial Aspect of the Differential Birth Rate**, and many others.

My study of the spatial distribution of deaths in Houston, Texas, will differ from similar studies made. In the first place, there has been no study made dealing with deaths per se. There have been studies of infant mortality but no study of deaths made.

In the second place, there has been no study made with the exception of Dr. H. A. Bullock's **The Spatial Aspect of the Differential Birth Rate** in which the rates used were standardized by controlling the all important factor of age.

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Dr. Thomas Price Dooley, with the assistance of Mr. C. H. Nicholas, Dr. E. E. O'Banion, Mr. J. R. Butts and Mr. A. Van Irvin, has led the department on its way toward its goal, "the advancement of Science."

Due to war time priorities on men, the department is experiencing this year a very small enrollment. Most of the men who entered the department four years ago are now serving in the armed forces.

Of the group remains Walter Jones and Miss Ida Bess Barton. As an investigative report, Miss Barton is doing a statistical study of the blood types of 586 freshman students of Prairie View College, 1943-'44.

To the people who enter either of the three fields represented (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), Miss Barton and Mr. Jones will to you the patience and courage to stay with it to the end.



DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
Dr. E. M. Norris, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.



## Farewell to P V

By Jennie A. Burnett

In a few days Prairie View will be releasing some more of its improved products. Although we were definitely raw material in the beginning, we feel that our skill operators have so mingled and moulded us that now we are fit to fight the toughest battle toward being successful citizens. We are going into the world to shape, file and polish ourselves to fit positions and be of greatest help to humanity. Without pains and struggles there is no happiness and I am sure our courage and wisdom will be first aids in helping us resist obstacles that will come between us and the goal post.

We can never forget our days of work and play, our friends and acquaintances. It is often wondered where the absentees of our class roll are today. Obviously, some have changed schools, others are making defense money and still others have families, but it is actually known that many are leading our country into victory. Today we have classmates who are in the service in all parts of the world. Searching through our mind, sighting this and that event, remembering friends who are not represented in this column and those who are, we ask ourselves this question, "Without these events and friends, could we have found happiness?" Some of us would probably say "yes" and some



Ruben White, President of the Senior Class  
Carol J. Andrews, Business Manager

"no," but the fact remains that we did find happiness.

Most of us have great plans whether we are successful in carrying them out or not. I feel that whatever our plans are, we should lay them so that the transition from war-time to a peace-time economy will not retard or affect our progress. It is important that we as '44 graduates waste as little time as possible in putting forth our efforts to preserve democracy.

Although we know that the duty of improving our social environment and putting the status of the Negro on a higher stand awaits us, and we are truly going to do all in our power to accomplish these aims, it is hard for us to say "Farewell to P V." In our effort to build a new world we must so construct that Prairie View will not be ashamed to acknowledge her part in building the foundation and framework. In departing we ask God's help in our efforts to accomplish our aims as we now enter into a new and important phase of our lives.

## Negroes In Politics

By Edythe L. Williams

One of the highest privileges that can be given a citizen by his government is an opportunity to partake equally in governmental affairs.

The Negroes have held very few political offices in recent years, his participation and benefits of his participation have been limited or his efforts have been directed in the wrong channels.

Only a few weeks ago the decision passed by the United States Supreme Court has caused much widespread interest, both among Negroes and white alike. Especially is this true in the South where various means are employed to prevent the Negro from partaking in the political circle.

This is a step further toward the ideal of democracy, for it will allow a greater participation of the American Negro.

The members of this senior class as well as the senior members of the other various colleges should wake up to the realization that a large part of the fate of the race lies in their hands. We should do all in our power to take these conditions in our hands, improve them by voting in the various elections and share in the civic organizations that surround us.

## Farewell to the Seniors

By Willie Mae Rivers, '45

Today the world is in chaos; but nevertheless, after having spent four years in an institution of learning, some of us are now prepared to enter into this chaotic world to find a place for ourselves. This will not be a job which can be accomplished without any obstacles. College is only a miniature world. Those things which you thought were stumbling-blocks will prove to be stepping-stones. Your trials will be multiplied a hundred-fold; but you must always have faith and confidence in your own ability.

Many of you kick about standing in line when we are registering or going in the dining hall and the like, but what will you do when you are out in life looking for jobs, standing in lines all day and still you will not have found one? You kicked here, but you knew you would find what you wanted. Many a line will you stand in and still will not be employed. You have built your castles of the white-collar jobs you will fill and the fat pay envelopes you will receive, but you will find that these will be torn down by your finally being forced to accept greasy elbow jobs and salaries barely enough to survive. We are hoping this will be only the beginning for you. You must realize the "Elevator to success is not running; take the stairs." Climb! Climb! Climb until you, too, have reached the top. It is better to start at the bottom and go to the top than start at the top and fall embarrassed to the bottom. Always remember, "Failure is often that early morning hour of darkness which precedes the dawning of the day of success." (Hodges).

Books have been your main source of information, but now comes the time when you must lay the books aside and put into practical use those facts you have learned. Many of the situations that you must face when you leave here are ones that you will not have found an answer for in your text-books and from your instructors. These must be solved through your own resourcefulness. You must have faith in yourselves—faith in your ability to conquer—faith in what you have learned—rely on that! As Charles Wesley would say, "Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees

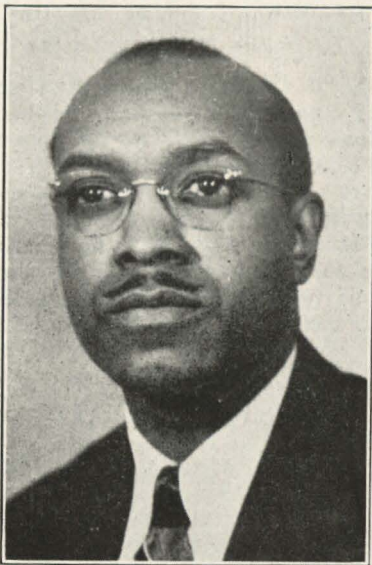
And looks to that alone;  
Laughs at impossibilities,  
and cries it shall be done."

We, the class of '45, feel proud and honored that we have had the privilege of knowing and receiving help from you. We can never forget the encouraging words, the helping hand, and solutions to and problems that you have shared with us. Our **faith, trust and confidence** rest with you. Faith that you will succeed—the Trust that we put in you enables us to trust ourselves—Confident that you will be a leader in this war-torn and the post-war world; not a Negro leader, but a leader of the Negro race—one that Prairie View will be proud to claim as its own.

We say as Shakespeare:

"Fare thee well;  
The elements be kind to thee, and make  
Thy spirits all of comfort!"





Chairman, Senior Class Supervisors  
O. J. Baker, B.S., B.L.S., M.L.S.



CO-SPONSOR OF SENIOR CLASS  
Miss Francis E. Wartman, B.A.

## Youngest College Prexy to Head Samuel Huston

Karl Everett Downs, 30-year-old Negro educator and youngest college president in the United States, will be inaugurated as president of Samuel Huston College here April 12, 13 and 14 at ceremonies in connection with a conference in which other educators will participate.

Dr. Downs is an alumnus of Samuel Huston and is now completing work in his Ph.D. at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Homer P. Rainey, University president, will take part in the three-day conference, along with prominent ministers and college presidents from all over the nation.—The Daily Texan.

## The Dirty Dozen

- "I heard—"
- "They say—"
- "Everybody says—"
- "Have you heard—?"
- "Did you hear?"
- "Isn't it awful—?"
- "People say—"
- "Did you ever—?"
- "Somebody said—"
- "Would you think—?"
- "Don't say I told you—"
- "Oh, I think it is perfectly terrible!"

There are enough Smiths in the United States to replace the entire population of any one of the following states: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware, Florida, Oregon, Colorado or Utah.

Each year 1,000,000 horses vanish from American farms.

## A Brief History of the Home Economics Class of '44

By Helen T. McCree

In September, 1940, over 138 bright-eyed and enthusiastic young ladies from high schools of several states came to Prairie View State College and chose Home Economics as their major field of concentration. A green and frightened little group we were ——— afraid to breath in Miss X———'s class, dashing madly out of Crawford Hall to classes before this teacher locked her door, and wearing out any number of shoes looking for boxes at the postoffice. What a time we had for ourselves mixing art principles with chemistry formulas and confusing methods of finding square root in mathematics with the formula for determining I Q's in psychology. Nevertheless, we survived every trial and woe and left the "Hill" to return the next year much wiser.

At the beginning of the sophomore year, we found that we had lost many of our comrades, but we fought on in spite of this. It was during this year that the Pearl Harbor incident took place. The field of Home Economics came into the limelight upon discovering that America was a malnourished nation, and we strived to learn everything that we possibly could about foods. We wanted to do anything "for the good of our country."

Still working, and still achieving, the Junior Home Economics class of '42-'43 found itself with more zeal than ever. Our number, however, had decreased still further as many of our comrades had become fascinated by war jobs and "practice cottages." We took all of this in our stride, however, for we could not stop to ponder for one solitary moment over such trivial matters. Fortunately, we realized early enough that two and two equals four precious grade points and hours. We were constantly adding in those figures. The summer following our Junior year found us anxiously awaiting the mailman. When he finally passed our door that day, we only found out that we were qualified **Seniors**.

## CLASS OFFICERS



Left to right: Hazel Hawkins, Vice President; Faye McClellan, Secretary; Idalia Cooper, Assistant Secretary; Bert Etta Davis, Treasurer.

This is when we began to dream. We saw ourselves working very hard that September, practice teaching in the far corners of Texas, and gathering data for our investigative reports. Lest we forget, we saw ourselves marching in the inevitable line to receive our diplomas. We also saw that we must return to school with equal vigor that fall to make our dreams come true.

September, '43, saw us returning to the "Hill", eager to tax every muscle in our bodies to attain the goal of our ideals. We have worked very hard and are still working, but through it all we see our goal in view. We have had prayer over skill dinners and skills and have turned artistic in setting up of exhibits, but of course, Home Economics students are like the proverbial "good suit." We shall always treasure the moments spent here in the Household Arts building and naturally parting is such sorrow. To the Junior, Freshman and Sophomore Home Economics students we leave behind we say:

"We can truthfully say that we have come part of the way together. Now our paths must separate somewhat. We leave you here to carry on, and we go out to conquer fields unknown. Remember, dear fellow students, that we make our own destinies, and in doing so we must strive to follow these immortal lines of Shakespeare.

"To Thine ownself be true,  
And it must follow as the night the day;  
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Devotedly yours,  
The Senior Class of '44

and ended up teaching in her ole Alma Mater as head of the Home Economics Department. Of course the year is 1954. The fact is my whole dream jumped about ten years in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis are now living on the outskirts of New York in one of the loveliest homes of the country. Mrs. Lewis, Erma Jean to us, is spending her time rearing five daughters and Mr. Lewis is in Wall Street business.

Hazel Hawkins, Ph.D. in Sociology from University of Michigan, is now doing research work for "Uncle Sam" in France. Remember that course in "Research" at Prairie View, Miss Hawkins?

Marjorie Banks spends her summers on the beaches of the Atlantic and her winters in Florida while her hubby travels as a concert singer. Of course you know the fashionable "Margie's Shoppe" is hers in Dimebox, New York.

In Little London (Dallas), Mr. D. Raphael Oliver is the most prominent business man, owning the Oliver Printing Press, a lovely home and a lovely family, 9 boys. Of course he is now bronze mayor of Texas and candidate for the office of governor. Ah! that line of his.

Edith Williams was so impressed in her course in First Aid that she decided to become Dr. Williams, a specialist in fainting.

Juanice Pollock and Oscar Mae Allen have made several appearances at Corn-Egie Hall. In fact, I noticed in "New York Crimes" where Misses Helen McCree, Julia Jackson and Bettye Green, three of New York's "high society girls," were occupying



### A DREAM

Gee, 7 o'clock certainly comes early in the morning these days! Why do I have to get up? Why did I have to wake up so soon after such a dream? Well, anyway, I'm gonna share it with you before I begin my day's work, for it is just too-o-o-o- good to keep to myself. And what did I dream? Oh, it was all about the Senior Class which graduates May 14.

Guess who crept into my mind first while I was engaging in a bit of "Sweet Slumber"? None other than Virgee Strong, who was predicted to be the most likely to succeed in her class. She has done just that—succeeded in turning down six proposals

the most exclusive seats. They were in attendance at Miss Pollock's concert on May 1, 19???. Incidentally, Miss Pollock plays the new instrument, the Pollocord, and Miss Allen is an expert violinist.

Reuben White decided that he wasn't cut out to be a farmer after all and after being drafted in June, 1944, turned out to be General Reuben White of the U. S. Army. (He's the only Negro general, by the way).

Eloise Moore, with B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Z.S. and X.Y. degrees, who, of course, leads a quiet married life, has just been made head of the English Department of Howard University. Also an English major at Prairie View was Thelma Livingston, who has just introduced her new book which she calls "Living Up to a Truth." In the literary world we also have Earline Ross, who has become an internationally known "poetess."

Clia J. Hines, after spending eight years in Extension Service of Texas, inherited a billion dollar fortune from her rich uncle. Now all her dreams are fulfilled and she lives in Brazil.

Misses Flores J. Davis and Fannie Drisdale are members of the most outstanding female orchestra yet known, having appeared in many movies, one of which is "Loud and Long."

Thelma Erwin forgot about the field of Home Economics and became an F.B.I. agent. She has 15 saboteurs to her credit—five mice, five roaches and five moths. Great work, eh?

Did you ever know what a lovely voice Ethel Mae Joshua has? Well, neither did I, until she was acclaimed the nation's latest Lena Horne. Yep, she's got beauty, brains and talent. And Bobbye Tyson, the winner of several beauty contests, has just signed a movie contract with "World Wide Pictures" in Hollywood.

Would you have believed that Edward Washington was strictly a business man? Well, in Groesbeck, population 175,000,000 (believe it or not), the bright sign hangs out "Washington and Washington Barber College." The second Washington is his wife. Included in the price lists is: "One side-burn trimmed, \$1.98 special."

Katherine Gee has succeeded Miss Suarez's successor as Dean of Women at Prairie View. Doretha Francis and Billie Mae Standifer are other '44 graduates on P. V. faculty.

This last part of my dream seems a bit vague, but I believe Carol Joy Andrews is now traveling in the interest of the Federal Government, influencing Americans to buy three 1-cent stamps instead of one 3-cent stamp for letters. During her spare moments she is at home with her husband, who is Bishop of the Pennsylvania Episcopalian Churches. The Bishop was once A.S.T.P. Cadet.

Speaking of the church, Nathaniel Spencer never told us he was so religiously inclined. He is now doing missionary work back home—Africa.

All along the highways from Maine to California, one sees the signs advertising the Hollywood Diner Club, San Francisco. Proprietors: Mrs. Wendell Davis, known to us as Doris Washington.

After graduating from P. V. in '44, Jennie A. Burnett vowed "may I never love again" after a certain A.S.T.P. cadet went overseas and didn't return. So what? D. L. changed her mind. They certainly have two lovely sets of triplets. He is chief electrician at Tuskegee.



**EARLINE M. ROSS - Most Popular**

**Home Economics  
Miss "Prairie View" 1944**

Ever hear of the Randolph Beauty School? Well, that's the million-dollar business of Hortense Randolph. In the same building Opal Hatch has a physical culture school.

Edie Lou Pannell and Albennie Mills are two of Macy's (that's in New York, you know) most expert designers. When you buy a dress with the label "Designed by Ed and Ay" you'll know they were old schoolmates.

Wilson Richardson is advisor to the Secretary of Agriculture in the nation's capital. Also working in Washington is Miss Hazel Gee as secretary to the Secretary of Labor.

Miss Nollie Jackson is doing great work in the field of Sociology and is known throughout the U. S. This can easily be understood when you remind yourself of her major professor at P. V.

Mattie Lou Woodworth turned out to be the home town girl who made good. She is doing lovely work as Home Economics teacher in the Loreda Murray High School, Frogeye, Ariz.

Gosh! I certainly hate to wake up from a dream like that. Oh! I forgot to mention that a couple of our classmates served short sentences for attacking, with intention of murder, a certain P. V. professor for failing to O. K. their theses until one minute before going to the Commencement exercises. Another one, after marching, was carried immediately to an institution for the "cracket"—nuts to you. Sorry I can call no names.

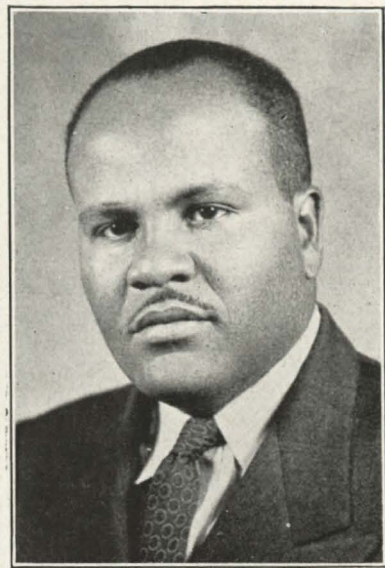
Ida Bess has finally had to retire from her job as laboratory technician. Her husband insists she stay home with the children.

Anyway, I think I'll make this dream come true after a few years as a career girl in the field of Sociology. You can find me on a ranch in the San Fernando Valley raising horses and cattle and looking for someone to share a lovely ranch home with me.

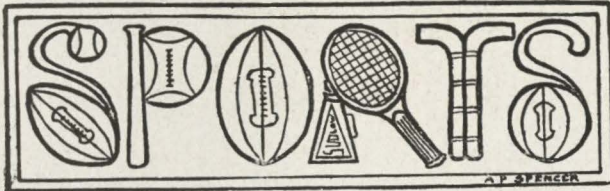
What a DREAM!!!



MISS ELOISE MOORE - Most Studious



Chairman of Supervisors for The Panthers  
R. W. HILLIARD, B.S., Ph.M.



By D. Raphael Oliver

As Old Man Basketball makes his exit from the scene of extra-curricula events, we can really look back and think of some par-excellent times and thrills in the school's hectic season.

Our wonderful basketball team, headed by Guice, Coleman and others, has really showed its stuff. Our boys have won fifteen out of nineteen games, and that isn't a bad record at all, believe it or not.

At Houston our cagers played the Harlem Globetrotters of New York, and although they lost, they showed superb showmanship and indeed gave a good account of themselves. Our hats are off to you fellows for a fine season.

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The Prairie View relays which were held on April 7 and '8 were breath-taking thrillers, to say the least. Prairie View won the meet by a wide margin of more than 75 points, and its closest competitor, Wiley, was second with 34 points. Guice of Prairie View gave such a good account of himself that he was unanimously chosen the team's captain. This superior trackster won the 440-yard run, the 880-yard run and "brought home the bacon" in the mile relay in 48.5 seconds flat. This fellow can truly be called a real runner. Murphy, too, played a conspicuous part by clipping the mile run and participating in several relays. Harden, Gipson, Lynch, Walker, Antwine, McWilliams and others really did well in helping old "P. V." to take the meet.

The state school won the 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, mile relay, broad jump, discus, mile run and others. The girls also showed nicely in the meet. Hortense Williams was the high-point girl. Doris Countee and Gerthyl Sanders also won events.

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Intramural softball is now in full swing and Captain Tyrone "Power" Shackelford of the Freshmen says his team is out for a decisive victory over all the other classes. Well, we'll see what we'll see, won't we, Juniors, Seniors and Sophomores?

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The Texas Interscholastic League will be held

## Kandid Kampus Komments

Dirt is my major, gossip is my minor, and I plan to get a B. S. in blackmail. And here are some more notes on my thesis:

Earline "Miss P. V." Ross, one of the popular young misses on the campus, no longer needs to be camp pinup girl. When it's over over there, she'll be a permanent pinup.

Now that Lillian Snow's Charles has gone, maybe she will put her nose down as we'd hate to have a rainstorm fall up her nose and drown her.

Ida Bess is in search of a gentleman. . . . he must be as looney as she, and most of all he must have the ability to say the wrong thing at the wrong time like she does.

Louis Johnson calls himself Lucille's "Prisoner of love." You interpret it, for I am stumped.

Pernetter, why don't you let someone school you so your presence will be desired. At the present you have no finesse.

Marion Bridges, you can't take up time with one man today, and another tomorrow, and a different one day after tomorrow and not run out of men who would believe a word you say.

It seems to me Hortense would be tired of wearing a marine pin and humming a marine song by now.

The three footsomen, Carol, Fay and Marcelle, all have their fingers in the pie. Will the pie last until May 14?

The \$64 question . . . . who writes Kandid Kampus Komments? We can't tell you that. But let me warn you. Be very careful over the summer months or I will start the news with your name in September.

A happy vacation to you.

Snooping Sal.

here on April 21 and 22, and many of the schools in Texas will appear in track, field and literary events. We are looking forward to this occasion with great expectations.

## FAVORITES



Left to right: Jennie Allen Burnett, most versatile; Virgie Strong, most likely to succeed; Juanice Pollock, best dressed; Ethel Mae Joshua, most beautiful.



### Music and the Present Crisis

By Juanice Pollock

"Music builds morale. Music inspires our fighting men. Music spurs soldiers on the production front to new goals. Music refreshes all of us, young and old alike, as we move forward in our wartime task of inevitable victory."—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Music is essential in war. The spirit of man so frequently collapses before his physical strength gives out that music is often the means of saving life. Instances in Poland prove the power of song. In that country families have been brutally evacuated from their homes, jammed into cattle cars and forced to ride without food or medical attention. The occupants of many of the cars perished under the fiendish cruelties. But in the cars where someone started to sing, hearts gained sufficient courage to keep up the struggle for existence, and the people survived.

Innumerable incidents of the power of music could be given. During the last war Nurse Edith Cavell faced a firing squad without exhibiting the slightest fear. She had prepared herself to meet this ordeal by prayer and song. She was singing her favorite song, "Abide With Me," when she was shot down. In the Battle of the Wilderness the lines of a brigade of the Ninth Army were breaking in riot until a Union soldier started singing "The Battle Hymn of Republic." The entire regiment soon joined in the singing. The lines stiffened and held. Music gives us hope to replace hopelessness.

Although living is more nearly normal in America, we, too, need music. It vitalizes mind and body, braces both enlisted men and civilians for the conflict, and enables them to carry on war duties with increased efficiency.

### Exchange News

A wasted college career is one of the costliest commodities on the market of life. The prices are high—too high! **Don't Buy.**

The Virginia STATESMAN  
Virginia State College

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Boy: "I say, Dad, teacher said today that the law of gravity keeps us on the earth. Is that right?"

Father: "Yes, my boy, that is correct."

Boy: "Well, how did we get on before that law was passed?"

The Bennett BANNER  
Bennett College

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Frank Sinatra, current "Swing King" crooner, hasn't a thing on a certain newcomer to K C, and the Sinatra fans haven't seen anything in the art of swooning until they see the K C women.

The AURORA  
Knoxville College

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In explaining atomic weights, Dr. John McGraw of the Chemistry Department used an analogy which pleased the students in his freshman class.

"A single person is an atom," he said, "but when two singles are married they make a molecule," he concluded.

The CONCORDIAN  
Concord College

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A Voice: "Mary, what are you doing out there?"  
Mary: "I'm looking at the moon, mother."

Voice: "Well, tell the moon to go home, and come in off that porch. It's half-past eleven.

—The Daily Texan

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My typist's away on vacation%  
this is the time

My typitz;s away by the sea;  
She left me to do alz the typigg%e  
O bring back by typist to me!  
Md typixt's aw-py on vascion3  
a fact gou can eaxily zee—

Il's old how thees letirs get mixed  
up

O brine back my tpr to me,?

—The Daily Texan