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P. V. Graduate Receives Scholarship

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and the American Cancer Society, Texas Division, have joined hands to assist a young Texas Negro complete his graduate training in public health education.

He is Jesse Thomas, a native of Mexia and a graduate of Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College. Today he is attending the school of public health at North Carolina College in Durham.

Accepted as one of a limited class under strict scholastic requirements, Thomas started the 1948 fall term at the college although the Cancer Society had told him that it could not award annual fellowships until the following year. Because of the heavy load of studies required there he was unable to tackle part-time employment, and could not find work for the week-ends.

He was faced with no choice other than to resign from school when a letter from Dr. Lucy S. Morgan, professor of public health education at the University of North Carolina, brought his plight to the attention of Cancer Society officials in Houston.

Dr. Morgan wrote that Thomas is a "bright student who should be able to do a very creditable job among his people" and assured that graduates of the North Carolina school meet all the requirements for professional health educators. She agreed to administer any funds which might be furnished to help Thomas, and he submitted a budget showing that \$850 would be sufficient for the completion of his graduate training year.

A telephone conference between the federation president and the society's representative arranged a special scholarship for him out of funds of the two groups.

High praise for Thomas came from C. A. Wood, health coordinator at Prairie View, and Dr. T. P. Dooley, director of that school's department of physical sciences.

Twenty-four years of age, Thomas was born in Mexia, Limestone county. At Prairie View, from

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DR. E. B. EVANS . . . Delivering Inaugural Address

Better Relationship Among Students

We are of the opinion that relationship between the students should and can be improved. We are also aware of the other problems that confront us, but we know that this problem is one on which each individual can work and thus bring intermediate results. Friction which exists among classes causes many misunderstandings. Freshmen are usually bewildered upon arriving here, and they are ignored and neglected by upperclassmen. They are, in fact, often ridiculed. The con-

duct at Freshman programs is an illustration of such an accusation. It is the policy of some colleges to give a Big sister, little sister entertainment at the beginning of the school year. Upper classmen adopt a baby sister for the freshman class and introduce her to campus society.

This is our home for the greater part of the year and we should develop the type of relationship that is analagous to a big happy family. It is the policy of this institution to serve meals in the family style. This is probably done to create unity and family spirit, but some of us insist on rude con-

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INAUGURATION OF DR. E. B. EVANS

Dr. E. B. Evans was inaugurated Friday December 3, 1948 as Prairie View's first president. This shows a great progress in education for Negroes.

This title was given to Doctor Evans by Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor of the Texas A & M College system of which Prairie View is a part.

Forty-eight colleges and universities including sixteen presidents were present. General Thomas T. Handy was one of the dignitaries that was present. Governor Beauford Jester was represented by Harmon Lowman, president of Sam Houston State College.

The inauguration address was delivered by Doctor Patterson, graduate of Prairie View College, now president of Tuskegee Institute.

Doctor Evans is the tenth head of Prairie View A. & M. College. The others that have previously headed Prairie View were principals.

Doctor Patterson in his address said, "The truly free man is the man of great restraint because of the compulsions of Democracy. When this is not so liberty becomes license and confusion reigns."

The president of Tuskegee Institute also stated, "that the strength of an institution must be protected with adequate salaries, provision for constant growth and pension program that will permit an institution to retire its superannuated employees in reasonable comfort."

Doctor Patterson said, "that Negro institutions of higher learning, face today the greatest challenge in their history."

He also stated, that few realized better than he does how fortunate you are, that the mantle of leadership has fallen upon the shoulders of President Evans.

Doctor Evans in his inaugural address said, "A Fellowship and Leadership are the lights that control a line of traffic and define a course of college direction remarkably consistent with the

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Patriot—Traitor: The Turning Point

By JOHN P. CRAWFORD

Throughout the history of the world patriots as well as traitors have had their day. Today the same situation is prevalent and it is for you and I to decide which we wish to be in our society.

Not long ago, I was confronted by a friend, who asked, which side of the fence I would be on. This came about due to the fact that a new privilege had been granted and it seemed as if I were to take advantage of it and thereby give rise for its being revoked. At once, I thought of Benedict Arnold who was convicted and hanged as a traitor. However, history calls him both, patriot and traitor. Let us go back and look at his episodes that made him a patriot.

During the Revolutionary War, in the dead of winter, he led a small force of men through the forest of Maine to attack an impregnable fortress; and who then in the face of an indifferent and dilatory congress, and practically without supplies, held off the British forces for two years in their attempt to encircle the New England Colonies; he was, or felt himself to be constantly ignored and his authority superseded by men of lesser military ability, and his judgements over-ruled but he yet carried on for five years in the cause to which he repeatedly offered his life, for which it can hardly be said that he was lacking in the highest of patriotism.

Then came September 21, 1780, when he reached the turning point for which reasons are not agreed. Had his wife undermined his patriotic courage and steadfastness? Was it the recent and heavy debt that caused him to listen to the clink of money so easily to be had? Or, was it the public reprimand that he had been forced to accept, after court-martial, from the lips of his beloved commander-in-chief and devoted friend, that mated his pride and encouraged him to vengeance? Perhaps all of these played a part, for he agreed to the siren song of easy money, advance-

The Nation's Need Of Nutritionists

By JENELLE ANN EWELL
and
ROBBIE JEWEL ALLEN

Prairie View A. & M. College has always appreciated its position as a State Educational Institution which has been most helpful to the public through the work of its faculty and students.

The nutrition group 213 have set up five general objectives for the course. They are as follows:

1. To stimulate an interest in America's Nutritional Needs.
2. To secure information concerning foods needed for adequate diets.
3. To develop an interest in how food is brought into actual nutritional service of the body.
4. To consider diets for families of various income levels.
5. To consider conditions and needs of family members in planning and preparing meals.

It may be well to distinguish between the nutritionist and the diet. According to the definition worked out by the American Dietetics Association, "A nutritionist is one who has had college training in the science of nutrition and is engaged in interpreting the principles of nutrition to individuals or groups", whereas the diet is defined as "one who has had college training in the science of nutrition management and is proficient in the feeding of individuals or groups." We may con-

ment, and vengeance, all three; and hit for the chance of the capture of the British intermediary before the plans had been effected, the United States might still be a dominion of the British Empire. It was for this that he deserves to be called a traitor.

We are at the intersection of Patriot and Traitor streets, in connection with the recent privileges that have been granted, and before we choose the direction we wish to go, we must be more considerate of those who will be affected by the direction we travel. The direction that we choose will have a definite bearing upon the future for if the right street is taken other privileges will most likely be granted, but if the wrong street is taken the present ones will be taken away and will make it harder to secure any at all. What will you be, a patriot or traitor? By your actions it will be known.

clude the comparison by stating in practical experience, the job of the nutritionist is to educate people in the laws and principles underlying the science of nutrition whereas the diet is concerned primarily with the prescribing and providing of specific dietary regime.

One of the youngest professions open to women having the right to bear the name were those carrying on laboratory research or teaching in colleges and universities. If one has kept up with recent trend of events, you will note that during the last war programs of nutrition were organized to speed the gospel of good nutrition, and wage a battle against the evils arising from bad food habits. The government realized the only way to make America strong was to make stronger Americans.

Today we find great demand for the nutritionist coming from the Bureau of Home Economics of the Department of Agriculture at Washington. Nutritionists in some states are working as Home Management Supervisors. They are associated with the United States Public Health Service, the Woman's Bureau, the Children's Bureau, and other organizations.

The nutritionist is considered just as important a member of a welfare organization as the case worker. Many organizations formed for the purpose of controlling various forms of disease employ nutritionists to direct their educational programs in food selection. Today in communities all over the country Nutritionists are working in many different ways trying to raise the general nutritional status of the people of their respective localities.

In the class 213 taught by Mrs. Z. L. S. Coleman we are beginning to realize that nutritionists are needed in business organizations, to work in health department, Red Cross organizations, on research and testing jobs in food companies, and other avenues.

We are beginning to realize that in the field of Home Economics there are many careers open for us. We no longer think we must confine ourselves to clothing, which is good.

We shall talk of other avenues in later report.

Instead of learning just the tricks of the trade why not actually learn the trade?

There's no such thing as an idle rumor—they're always busy.

Scientific Facts About the Science Department

By THOMAS H. BURTON, JR.

Prairie View's Science Department is reputed as being the best in the history of the institution. It is headed by a very capable faculty of which Dr. T. P. Dooley is the head. Working with Dr. Dooley are three full time instructors in Biology, four full time instructors in Chemistry, one full time instructor in Physics, several student assistants, and one store-room man. Three of Prairie View's instructors are away pursuing Ph.D.'s, one in Indiana, one in Southern California, and one in Ohio State.

During the past summer new tables were installed throughout the chemistry and biology department, with exception of two laboratories. Plans are under way to complete installation as soon as possible. To date the value of the Natural Science Department exceeds \$50,000.00. The staff feels that they have sufficient equipment to accommodate smaller classes in all the fields, but it is not enough for individual apparatus.

In the Science Department we have three active organizations, namely, The Science Club, Texas Academy of Science Collegiate Academy, and the Beta Kappa Chi.

The Science Club was organized October 13, 1948. The officers are: Phipip Young, president; Sherman Wilson, vice president; Arlene Greenwood, secretary; Vergie Reese, assistant secretary; Joe Calhoun, treasurer; Joe Edward Smith, business manager; Louis Coruthers, reporter; Mr. Nicholas, sponsor.

The Science club is open to all science majors and minors, and it has about 90 active members. Its purpose is (1) to present investigative paper to the other members of the club, and (2) keep up to date on modern science. The program committee also presents at various times a series of skits on parliamentary procedures. In the near future the Science Club's plan is to sponsor a very fine entertainment for its members and guest.

The Texas Academy of Science Collegiate Academy is an organization of selected students. The officers are:

Melvin Davis, president; Louis Perkins, vice president; Marjorie Hudson, secretary; Connie Brown, treasurer.

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Negro College that is a member of the Texas Academy of Science Collegiate Academy. On December 9th, 10th, and 11th., three members of this organization, namely, Melvin Davis, Louis Perkins, and Connie Brown represented our school and our race at the national meeting of the Texas Academy of Science Collegiate Academy. Of 610 students at the meeting, only three were Negro, the three representatives from Prairie View. Each of them reported having a very educational trip. At the present time there are only eighteen members. More are to be selected at the end of the first semester.

On December 10th. and 11th., members of our Beta Kappa Chi attended the National Convention of the Beta Kappa Chi, held at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama. One of the main speakers, Dr. Victor J. Tulane, had this to say in regard to "Reasons for Failure of Negroes in Science." "First, they do not have adequate income; second, do not have adequate education; third, do not have adequate medical care; fourth, do not have medical supplies; fifth, poor attitude towards science; and sixth, unequal laws." Our representatives said, "they heard other inspiring messages, and that they

Inauguration Of Dr. E. B. Evans

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values so needed in the hearts of man."

Doctor Evans was the first Negro to graduate from Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine. He has served as vice principal, acting principle, acting registrar, director of the summer school and coordinator of instruction under the administration of Principal Banks.

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where he graduated in May, 1948, he is best remembered for his participation in the dramatics club, as an assistant in the personnel department, and as a lieutenant in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Fellowships in health education for qualified college graduates are to be offered during 1949. Information concerning them may be secured from the American Cancer Society, Texas Division, 2307 Helena Street, Houston.

had a very educational and enjoyable trip."

Several of our instructors are doing some research work. Dr. Dooley is working on an experiment, the temperature tolerance of animals. Mr. Van Irvin, along with Mr. Harris are in the first stage on some atomic research. Just now they are in the process of building a geiger count (device used in tracer study). They are also designing their own oscilloscope, sometimes called oscillograph. Upon completion of these devices they shall immediately begin studies of the atom and radio active materials. O'Banion is doing research in nutrition and plans are underway to cooperate with the state Department of Health and the Department of Biology in a study of sewage disposal.

We are happy to be able to speak proudly of our Science Department, and trust that they will continue to keep up their good work.

Agriculture Plans Big Problem

By AARON M. CUERINGTON

The Agricultural Division of Prairie View A. & M. College has initiated, under the able supervision of Mr. G. L. Smith who is the

MECHANIC ARTS DIVISION—OLD AND NEW

By ALVIN L. HAYES

The Mechanic Arts Division offers many opportunities to students to help them prepare to meet the demands of Industry for leaders and skilled workmen in various technical professions and vocations. In addition to the professional courses, and those designed to prepare, skilled, workmen, the Division offers training to prepare teachers of Industrial Education and trades and industries. The four-year courses leading to the Bachelor of Science Degree, the two-year trades courses leading to a technical certificate, and the four year special courses leading to the Bachelor of Science Degree and a Technical Certificate.

Many new courses have been added to the Division this year. These courses allow students to suggest nearly any basic field to choose. A few teachers have been added to the Mechanic Arts Division faculty. They are: (1) Mr. T. E. Daniels, B.S.E.E., State University of Iowa. (2) Mr. Mitchell Ragston, Trade Certificate in

director of the division, a full program for the remainder of this school year.

The program was organized in the early part of last semester and proceeded to win the homecoming float contest. This was a good start toward a successful year.

The initiation of more than one hundred freshmen and transfer students into the division has greatly increased its strength thus enabling ease of accomplishment of planned activities.

First on the agenda for the rest of the year is the sponsoring of a dance for members and sponsors of the division.

The second is a Sunday School program to be given sometime in the near future. Preparations for the program are already underway.

Thirdly, the members and sponsors of the division, along with Ray A. Harrison who is the president of the collegiate chapter of New Farmers of America, plan to welcome the State N. F. A. convention is planned.

The Division anticipates organizing an intra-mural basketball team this year. This is the first time they have attempted to have this team but they hope to devote enough time to it to make it a successful fete.

The division also plans to spon-

SPORTS REVIEW

By FRANK CANNON, JR.

Flash—The Panther Cagers went on an eight game tour covering many southern states. They played such fine teams as Alabama State, Tennessee State, and Morris Brown. These three teams beat the Panthers in hard fought games.

They won over Morehouse, in Atlanta. They won over Grambling in Louisiana and Fisk in Tennessee.

Flash—! Well its over! The Prairie View Basketball Invitational Tournament! There were hundreds of thrill, chills and spills. There were many upsets. A sum-

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sor a chapter conducting contest which will determine which N. F. A. class chapter most efficiently conducts meeting. One merit of this contest is that there should be an increase in the ability of each N. F. A. class chapter to conduct a chapter meeting. This should result from practice in preparation for the contest.

Finally, the Division anticipates sponsoring an inter-class judging contest, the winning class of which will send representatives on a tour of some significant agricultural site.

Painting and Decoration, Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, (3) Mr. L. Q. Jackson, Mr. Lee Roy Johnson, Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, Prairie View, Texas.

During the latter days of September and the first of October, the Mechanic Arts Club was reorganizing which has been the usual procedure each year. The officers of the club are:

Samuel Collins, president; Avery Miller, vice president; Ann Catherine Thomas, secretary; Roger Priestley, treasurer; Sammie Wright, chaplain; James Rhodes, reporter.

Many improvements have been made to various parts of the buildings in the area. These improvements consisted of rock wooling the Industrial Engineering building, renewing the heating system and fans for the ventilation of the class rooms.

Various good plans and designs have been placed on display on the bulletin boards in the Library and Industrial Engineering buildings by some of the excellent students,

consequently these displays showed the plans for airport and railway stations. These marvelous drawings were drawn by James Rhodes, C. L. Wright, Edward Escoe and Luther Mitchell.

The first of November confronted the Division with the preparation of Homecoming float. The float was designed from an unusual plan. The exterior was red, white, blue and gold with a spectacular mechanical works on top, but with heavy competition, the float was judged second place, with Agricultural Division winning first place.

In December the club got into its start. The club had its ball on the tenth. The decoration was an extraordinary Christmas Design. The dance however was one of the best in the history of the club.

With the Christmas holidays coming soon, not much effort was made preceding the New Year. However, with a New Year's resolution, to continue the excellent work, and to contribute more to the school and student life.

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mary of the tournament is as follows:

A stronger than expected Tillotson team won over Texas College, 53-94. This was upset No. 1.

Lackland Air Base came forth with a powerful 5 and ran over Mary Allen 91-40.

II. Texas State and Arkansas played a breath-taking game with Texas winning by a close score of 55-53.

Upset No. 4 came when a really unknown team, Philander Smith beat Bishop 48-47. They were in turn eliminated.

Samuel Huston moved last years winners, Southern University,, out of the picture by winning by a comfortable margin of 45-32.

Grambling, as expected, "ran" over St. Phillips Jr. College 109-40. Litterally speaking they had a "track meet".

Wiley College won with a "Bye" which simply means thhat they had no team to play into the next highest place.

All the above took place Friday January 7, 1949. Saturday morning Prairie View won a thrilling game over Wiley College.

III. Semi Finals—

Lackland Air Base beat Texas State 44-35. By this time No. "10" was the "hot stuff" on the Lackland team. No doubt about it he is the best set shot artist in the southwest. It was a pleasure to the eye to see him "hit 2".

Prairie View beat Samuel Huston 70-55. The next game would be the payoff!!!

In the consolation game (for 3rd place) Texas State beat Samuel Huston.

At 8 P.M. the big payoff started. Lackland vs. Prairie View!! The fast breaking Panther 5 started great but it seemed that the two strenuous games earlier in the day had slowed them down somewhat. Lackland's No. 10 couldn't hit either. But the other Lacklanders were. It seemed that they were "running wild." In the second half the Panthers started "hitting" but it was too late for the final score ended 58-42 with Lackland Air Base being the 1949 Tournament Champions. After the game Lackland received their 1st place Championship Trophy and P. V. received their 2nd place trophy.

At the half of the Championship Game Keenvil C. Daly and Yours Truly, Frank Cannon, gave a fine unrehearsed exhibition in weight



MISS IDA MAE KEITH (center) . . . will be crowned queen Feb. 5, at 7:30 P.M., when 2,200 students and faculty will honor her. Left is Miss Betty McDonald and right is Miss Massalina Stockton.

lifting and muscle posing.. Daly has the following awards to his credit:

1. "Mr. New York State of 1947"
2. Light Heavyweight Champ of N. Y. 1942. (The only man to ever win the lifting and physique title together)
3. 9th place in the 1947 "Mr. America".
4. 2nd place in the 1947 world champion plus five other trophies for best legs, back, etc.

He pressed 235 pounds 4 times in succession a great feat of power.

Well it was all over at last! Only one team could win 1st place.

But the objective of the games were not to win but participate. . . "The aim in life is not to conquer but fight well."

Photo at right—
REFINISHING FURNITURE . . .
Student in the Mechanic Arts
Division.

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duct such as treating the bread as dirt, and the fork as a shovel, grabbing—cutting out, etc., all of these no one would dare do at home.

One of the most pathetic problems is the manner in which young men treat young ladies. It seems to be the vogue with young men to neglect helping ladies up and down steps, slamming doors, failing to open doors and other common courtesies.

Some of the columns in our student publication which were intended for fun have ceased to be so because of personal remarks. This tends to create cliques and papers are merely a medium for waging war. We all know that our institution has inadequate dormitory space. We have recently worked out a theory to that effect. It states that the more persons per specific volume the more friction yielded. To illustrate: a volume is an average dormitory room. Each person equals the pressure. The more persons (pressure) per room (volume) the more friction yielded. Since we are aware of these conditions it is our individual duty to each other to be tactful, respectful to others' rights, agreeable as possible, develop sense of humor, and in total be able to give and take. If we can cultivate these correct traits and treat our fellowman as we would like to be treated the relations which exist between us will be greatly improv-