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# Merry Christmas To All

## President Evans Is "Titled Texan"

President of Prairie View, Dr. E. B. Evans, was presented in THE HOUSTON POST, Monday, December 6, as "Titled Texan."

This was a singular honor said the college president who felt, "Very grateful for the honor, but humble, because I recognize that no man achieves alone."

In being recognized for his contribution to the state, particularly, the "man of science" — as Dr. Evans is often referred to — was accorded another tribute which could be added to a number of distinguished laurels which have been bestowed upon him during the past two years.

The full-length article described in detail the life's work, to date, of the college executive.

According to the account, President Evans' experiences prior to the thirty-five years of service he has rendered this institution, have been filled with varied activities which have contributed to his developing and maintaining a respect for human beings and his being dedicated to rendering service to others.

Obstacles, sacrifice, academic progress, a healthy sense of humor, and significant achievement have characterized Dr. Evans' continuous striving to make a worthwhile contribution to his community, state and nation.

"Whatever recognition I receive is but an indication of the splendid assistance and cooperation that the countless persons—not only Prairie

View staff personnel and members of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College system, but individuals throughout the United States—have continued to give to the efforts made at our institution to prepare youth and adults for more active and worthwhile citizenship, participation and contributions," commented the president.

The "Titled Texan" series of articles is a weekly feature of the HOUSTON POST, well known daily newspaper in the 'largest city in the South'. The article pays tribute to an individual within the state who has made a contribution to the welfare of the "largest state with the biggest hearted citizens."



President E. B. Evans is now one of the celebrated "Titled Texans."

## ALPHA PI MU ORGANIZES

In a recent meeting, the Alpha Pi Mu Honor Society, Prairie View's Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, elected its officers for the current school year.

Officers elected were: Elijah Miles, President; Thaddeus McDonald, vice-president; Myrtle Edwards, secretary; Irene Fry, corresponding secretary; Dallas Pierce, treasurer; and Cleotrice Tillis, reporter.

The purpose of the organization is to promote high scholarship; encourage sincere and zealous endeavor in all fields of knowledge and service; cultivate a high order of personal living; and develop an appreciation for scholarly endeavor in others.

The 1594-55 activities will include such items as the sponsoring of special programs for honor students; tutorial services for delinquent students; special radio programs in the interest of scholarship; the organization of an infant honor club; and the sponsoring of outstanding off-campus speakers.

Overall, the Alpha Pi Mu proposes a challenging program for this school year—the improvement of scholarship on Prairie View's campus.

The campus chapter of the National Honor Society extends freshmen the challenging opportunity to strive for high academic standing and character in order to become members of the group during their tenure at P.V.

The organization is open to students who have the following qualifications: a 2.3 cumulative average and at least 75 credit hours.

## Career Conference Is Planned

The fourth annual All-College Career Conference committee—J. C. Rawls, professor of Economics, chairman—is rapidly completing plans for the day-long observance to be held at Prairie View A & M College January 30 and 31, 1955.

"A Look at the Widening Vocational Horizons" has been chosen as the theme.

Guest speakers, consultants, practicing technicians, scientists, educators, businessmen and women, industrialists, military personnel, members of various professional groups—medicine, law, etc.—are being invited to attend the conference.

"This is in keeping with two of the main purposes of the meeting," stated Dr. J. L. Brown, Director of Extramural activities. They are:

- (1) To provide the student with the opportunity of receiving first-hand information about personal and professional requirements for careers and employment in industry and the professions; and
- (2) To bring representatives of the professions, industry and commerce in contact with a source of potential man-power which is being trained for the professions, industry and commerce.

## PEACE....GOOD WILL.....

(Editorial)

More than any other time in the year, the Christmas Season brings about a desire in the hearts of all people to initiate peace and promote good will.

This spirit prevails with all age groups—with the little child who has complete mystification and joy to lend to the occasion; with the kindly grandmother who exhausts her every resource for the pleasure and contentment of her loved ones.

Good will can be found just about everywhere at this season, even in the life of that typical "old Scrooge" you know in your neighborhood.

It seems that people have at this time, an unconscious desire to do something for someone else, and nothing they do will suppress this yearning.

Always at Christmastime, a hearty greeting, a warm smile, a courteous deed, and a deep-seated "joy supreme" seem to be symbols of the season . . .

And they are as contagious as red measles.

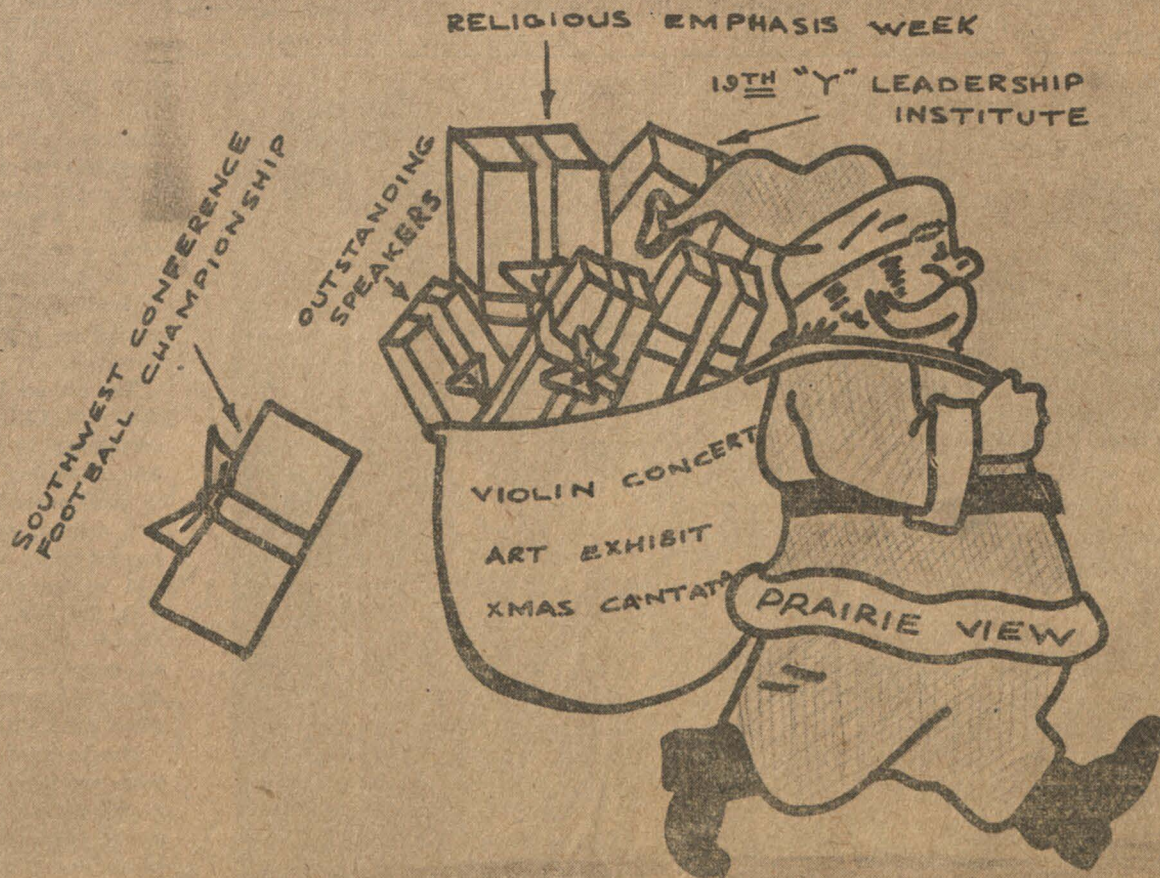
This is a happy season! a colorful time! a joyous occasion!

As we prepare to enter into the realm of those observing the Santa Claus Holidays—and people the world over will be celebrating the birth of the "Spirit of Him Who symbolized Love"—let us focus our attention on "PEACE AND GOOD WILL TOWARD ALL MEN."

## Coed's Poem Is Accepted By NPA

Margaret Lewis, a junior majoring in Commercial Dietetics, Division of Industrial Education, has been informed by the National Poetry Association that her poem, "Tribute to My Friend," has been accepted by the body for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

Margaret is a graduate of Lincoln High School, Port Arthur, and her guardians, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy (Continued on Page 8)



TSCHEIKOWSKY

THE COLLEGE SANTA CLAUS VISITS ALL THE YEAR WITH GIFTS ---- SPORTS, BOOKS, AND OPPORUNITIES RARE !



Members of Prairie View's MU ALPHA SIGMA Honorary Music Society recently took time out from their many cultural activities to preserve the organization in photograph.

They are, standing, L to R: Ethel Stanton (Mart.); Shirley Brown (Denver, Colo); Algerita Spencer (Diboll); Mildred Wilhite (Rockdale); and Muriel Harden (Dallas).

Seated, L to R: Marcie McIlveen (Fairfield); Leona Adams (Fort Worth); Davetta Callies (Houston); Myrtle Adams (Jasper); Jean Williams (Corpus Christi); and Effie Crenshaw (Dale).

—Ward Photo

### Coed Dormitories Plan For Holidays

Pre-holiday entertainment heads the agenda for women dormitories in the activity line this month.

Evans Hall, freshman and sophomore dormitory, plans a gala party for the entertainment of all residents. Lawn decorations express the Nativity theme.

The residents of Minor Hall, sections 3 and 4, are elated with the Yuletide spirit. Together in a special meeting, palms were made for the pre-Christmas activities. Dormitory decorations display the theme of giving and sharing. Christmas parties will be given for both sections.

Anderson Hall Juniors are following the traditional preparations for the season with ample decorations and a party.

The junior and senior coeds of Suarez Hall plan a magnificent outside display and a slumber party.

Blackshear, Banks Cottage, Foster Hall and N. Y. A. No. 3 plan to follow the trend of the season with their activities.

From each dormitory comes, wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, extended to all.

### Collegians Invited To University Of Texas

By Ye Olde Music-Lover

The College "sounds ensemble," the Prairie View Collegians, have been invited to play for an "early winter promenade" at the University of Texas.

Members of the orchestra are busy rehearsing and trying their hands (and brains) at arranging old ballads and new jump pieces for the "do" in the capital city for the appreciation and entertainment of the student body.

The reed section of the orchestra misses the "blusey progressive" sounds of William "Dub" Barksdale who has taken up duty with the Air Force, but they are blowing on to "outer and downer" music. Luck to "the Gig."

### MUSICALLY SPEAKING

By Lois Perkins

A musical "hello" for the many Jazz enthusiasts. I would like to brief you on some of the top sides from albums by some of the greatest jazz artists of our times.

Starting in alphabetical order we have:

Dave Bucbeck's Octet album called "Old Sounds from San Francisco." Dave points out just how much of the modern jazz quality his playing in the years just after the war. Included in this wonderful group is "How High the Moon," octet was thinking, writing and "Serenades Suite," "Playland at the Beach," "Schizophrenic Schertzo," and "I Hear a Rhapsody."

Roy Eldridge's "Willow Weep for Me," "When Your Lover Has Gone" and "Echoes of Garden."

Ella Fitzgerald's album is as usual "the most." It is called "Songs in a Mellow Mood," which indicates dignity, discretion and coolness approaching deep freeze—the smoothest singing ever recorded. The album includes "I'm Glad There Is You"; "What Is There to Say"; "Please Be Kind"; "Makin' Whoopee"; and "You Leave Me Breathless."

Dizzy Gillespie and Stan Getz Sextet do "Impromptu," "One

Alone," and the memorable "Girl of My Dreams." Stan and Dizzy are at their facile best. Dizzy is eloquent on "One" with some measures for Stan.

Johnny Hodges demonstrates to us just how sweet and sumptuous the alto can sound in "Sophisticated Lady," "Day Dream," "Solitude," and "Good Queen De Bss."

Billie Holiday, who takes her singing so much to heart, has lovely renditions of "Love for Sale," "Moon Glow," "Autumn in New York," and "How Deep Is the Ocean."

Stan Kenton plays "Short," and "More Love Than Your Love," and many others. He plays them as only he can play anything. "Out of this world" also is his album entitled "Kenton Presents"; don't miss hearing it.

Last but not least, there's Lester "Prez" Young who includes in his album "Stardust," "Confessin'," "These Foolish Things" and "September in the Rain." Each offers some fair Presidential jazz here and there, but it's the ballad beauties that make this collection a must for "jazziest."

And with this I conclude and hope you will enjoy a few if not all of these "top tunes."

### VIOLINIST "SPELLBINDS" AUDIENCE

Helen Pierson, violinist, literally held the thousand members of the audience who heard her concertize in the Auditorium-Gymnasium, December 8, "spellbound."

A member of the Department of Music staff of Prairie View since

1949, Miss Pierson has previously appeared in recitals in a number of states. She has performed with the Mozart Orchestra and has taught at the Little Red School House in New York City.

Beginning with Handel's "Sonata No. IV in D Major," the concert artist moved through the Adagio, Allegro, Larghetto and Allegro with skill — preserving the melody of the slow movements and executing the fast movements with captivating form and feeling.

Mozard's "Concerto No. III in G Major" required the Kansas-born violinist's concentration as the Allegro, Adagio and Rondo movements required. Both the violin and the piano were accentuating in preserving the grace and deftness of Mozards 18th century melodies.

Slowly, hauntingly, and penetratingly the six "Rumanian Folk Dances (Bartok-Szekely) gripped the audience until the end of the Maruntel with its last loud and lightning-fast notes were ended.

"Ava Maria," "Obertass," "Mazurka," "Beau Soir" were "So beautiful and tender and dreamy," stated one listener, "that I wanted her to play all night."

Many persons appreciated Prolofiev's "March" (from "Love of Three Oranges") because it provided opportunity to hear in entirety the "theme song" used on radio broadcasts of "This Is Your F. B. I."

Applauding hands refused to relinquish the violinist without an encore, and following its rendition, "Danny Boy," no one moved, for captivatio had been complete.

At the grand piano sat accompanist C. Shelton Garrett, a Prairie View graduate and staff member, who complemented the violinist's renditions with the skill of a piano virtuoso.

Presented by Zeta Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the violinist's concert was thoroughly enjoyable.

A graduate of the University of Kansas and more recently, the Juilliard School of Music as a "Fellow" of the General Education Board, Miss Pierson was tutored by Ivan Galamain. She has also studied under Andor Toth, Dorothy DeLay and Joseph Fuchs.

### LES BELLE LETTRES CULTURAL CLUB SELECTS NEW MEMBERS

The Les Belle Lettres Cultural Club has initiated 15 new members into their circle of distinguished campus young ladies. The new members were carefully screened and voted on at a lecture given for the dual purpose of promoting their aim — promoting appreciation of cultural and generally worthwhile activities—and to invite ladies suggested as new members out to be observed.

The unique initiation activities of the new LBL group was really something to see. In a three day fete, each day the girls represented in dress some Fine Art—art, music, and drama, respectively, and performed skits on the campus lawn and in the dining hall in keeping with the days theme. As a "grand finale" to the initiation activity, all members of Les Belle Lettres attended a piano recital in Houston, given by Phillipa Duke Schuyler.

Members of Les Belle Lettres have carried out a wonderful program so far this year, having placed emphasis on art and art appreciation. They have invited art experts in for lecture, questions and discussions. Boring? No, very interesting and helpful! They are looking forward to more activities highlighted by an Art Exhibition early in the spring, and, of course, a Christmas Party.



While sipping cokes and filled with the good ole' Christmas Spirit, the Decorating and Entertainment Committee of Crawford Hall began planning their annual Christmas activities.

L to R, standing: Tommie Dabney, Mary Joe Cregler, Lois Miller, Joyce White, Dorothy Smith, Joann Palmer, Marjoria Ratcliff, Precious lovers, and Mary Johnson.

L to R, seated: Clara Sherman, Decoration Committee secretary, Gladys Sparks, chairman of Decoration Committee; Margaret Ann Scruggs, chairman of Entertainment Committee; Maxine Haskin, Bettye Jean Martin, Entertainment Committee secretary; and Katherine Ware.





ALCOHOLIC TONICS DRYING OUT YOUR SCALP? GET NON-ALCOHOLIC WILDROOT CREAM-OIL, CHARLIE

### CHRISTMAS, AND COLOR, AND CLOTHES

By Rose Marie Bennett (Fashion Editor)

Coeds, there's no use trying to deny that the Christmas season is not one for color, charm, eye-catching clothes, and careful preparation for the many festivities which always accompany the impressionable "season of Santa Claus."

Of course, you'll be home for Christmas, and there will be no need to emphasize clothes-wearing to make you radiant. The old "glad-to-be-home" feeling will put plenty of sparkle in your eyes and bloom in your cheeks.

But, there are going to be dinners, parties galore, dancing, and "evenings out" which will demand that some attention be paid to the way one looks. It seems, therefore, that a few hints are in order.

#### Color Selections

Light and bright colors make the wearer appear larger. From the wearer's hands to her feet there should be color mindfulness. It's no secret that white gloves and white shoes make the hands and feet appear larger than they really are. Darker colored hosiery makes large ankles appear smaller.

Thus, a person's apparent size can be changed by color selection and wearing. The very small person avoids black, navy, and dark brown, because they are colors which diminish size.

#### Neutral Colors

"Blank colors"—neutral shades—give a negative appearance to the wearer. The person having light-colored hair and pale complexion

should avoid an all-beige or tan outfit. It gives the wearer a look of inadequacy.

By the same token, the large person should avoid brilliant colors, except in small items such as jewelry.

Most persons have color preferences. To them, various colors and color combinations are the shades they like to see and wear. One

### Home Economics

The Home Economics Club met December 6. At first glance new, as well as regular, members were buzzing "great progress is being made."

Highlighting this meeting was the play titled "Ellen H. Richard's Challenge." (She is often termed the mother of Home Economics). The members of the cast were eight Home Economics students who very ably and effectively played their roles.

A definite challenge was made to the Home Economics student. Special emphasis was placed on those factors that contribute toward helping them to become great women in any area of life. They were urged to constantly bear those words in mind, "the little things we do in life count most." They were given inspiration to develop the personality, efficiency, vision, and devotion to Home Economics which will make it possible for them to make large contributions to Home Economics and the welfare of mankind.

cannot help having a personal preference, especially when it comes to color. (Our psychologists can tell us more about this).

Nevertheless, be sure that your preferences are the right color-combinations. One should never wear these color-duos: Pink and orange; reddish brown and purple; bright red and dark red; fuchsia and bright red; olive green and peacock; orange and cerise; bright pink and yellow; reddish brown and bright blue.

What with the rush to get ready for the holidays, your fashion editor hasn't too many hints to pass along this month. Keep this in mind for the holidays: Watch your colors and look pretty at all of the Christmas gatherings.

### H. E. Food Show Very Colorful

The School of Home Economics held its Annual Foods and Nutrition Show, December 8.

Exhibits, demonstrations, panel discussions, and general assemblies—Dr. Pauline Beery Mack, Director of the College of Household Arts and Sciences, Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas, guest speaker—were presented during the day.

Theme of the 1954 Show was: "Foods with Eye Appeal and Nutritional Values."

Exhibitions and Demonstrations were held in the Animal Industries Building from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

One of the highlights of the F & N Show was the student forum on nutrition which was presented from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the main auditorium of the Animal Industries Building.

Cooperating with the School of Home Economics in presenting the show were: the School of Agriculture, the Health Education Classes (School of Arts and Sciences), and the Commercial Dietetics Classes (Division of Industrial Education).

### "Y" INSTITUTE IS SUCCESS

With more than 500 guests and staff participants attending the 19th "Y" Leadership Conference at Prairie View A & M College, recently, "the Institution and the Southwestern Area Council of the YWCA have every reason to be encouraged," stated W. E. Hogan, Associate Secretary of the Southwestern Area Council, and Dr. J. L. Brown, Director of Prairie View's Extramural activities.

Four workshops, planned recreation, and a campus tour kept the visiting delegates from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas busy during the two-day meeting.

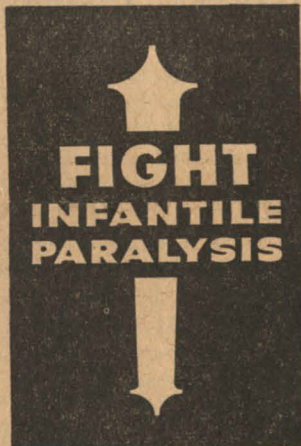
Dr. Benjamin E. Mayes, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, the Institute's "Keynoter and highlighter," literally electrified two general assemblies attended by college student body, staff and the delegates.

Addressing the assembly on the subjects: "Our Unfinished Task" and "Knowledge Alone Is Not Enough," Dr. Mayes challenged education "to make a good man who is skilled in a specific area," and the good man will contribute to better interpersonal relationships and the progress of civilization.

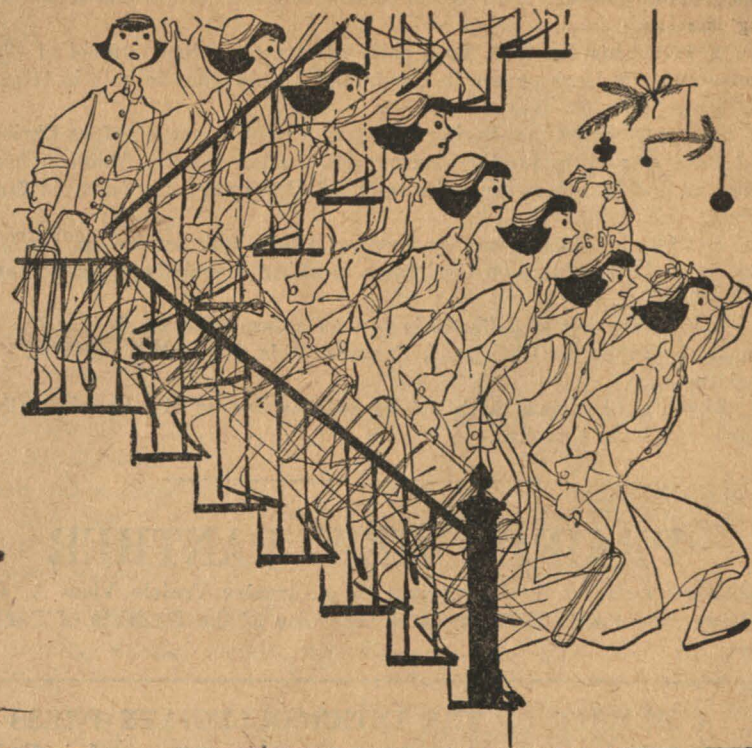
President E. B. Evans commented that "the institution will strive to bring the foremost educators, lecturers, scientists, artists in the nation to the campus as often as possible."

Dr. Brown, Conference Director, emphasized at the close of the 19th annual institute, "we are convinced that the purposes of Christianity and Democracy are being fostered through these meetings particularly designed for boys and girls—future adult leaders."

### MARCH OF DIMES



JANUARY 3-31



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# Editorials

## LET'S HAVE MUSIC!

(Editorial)

The organist strikes the melodious chords, the audience rises, the director raises his hands, the crowd gropes listlessly at mall pieces of paper —(you guessed it) the school song is being played.

A few loyal P-V-ites (scattered widely throughout the audience) can be seen giving their all to their Alma Mater, but, as a rule, one can guess at a glance that the melody is the only familiar thing about this song.

We dare to make these statements: "Dear Prairie View" is rated seven in the top ten of the PV Parade of Hits, when it should be a standing No. 1. Furthermore, Prairie View students seem to be the non-singingest students among college and university students anywhere in the United States, period.

Of course, we haven't visited all the other institutions scattered throughout the nation, but who is capable of disproving our hypothesis?

Ask yourself these questions: Have I heard any quartets harmonizing on the school song in the dormitory? Have I heard any individual hum his Alma Mater under his breath as he moved about the campus? When have I heard a football pep-tune outside the realm of a pep rally? Doubtless your answer would have to be: "No" or "Never."

Time was (so we're told) when the Prairie View campus rang with music—all kinds. The auditorium-gymnasium was the place where the combined student body spent a full hour during vespers just singing. The rafters rang with "Dear Prairie View" sung in harmony, too; and the standard hymns were a part of almost every student's vocal chords—every word, every note.

Music unifies a campus. It creates a spirit of good will and fellowship between and among its perpetrators; it is perhaps the best medium we know for developing "school spirit," "Christmas spirit" and just plain "high spirit."

Learn the words to your Alma Mater; hum a few strains of your favorite hymn; harmonize on those beautiful Christmas carols; and LET'S HAVE MUSIC!!!

## Comment On Religious Emphasis Week

By Bobbie Nicholson

This year's theme for Religious Emphasis Week was "Christianity and Race Relations," one of the most discussed topics of our time.

The week, November 28-December 2, was a success in many ways.

First, it was successful in showing the relationship between Christianity and race relations.

Second, it was a success in that it brought to light many of the problems which most people think are "personal," and showed very clearly that the problems are really quite "general."

Third, it was a success in that it showed that we—as students—can do many things as individuals as well as members of groups to improve the situation.

Fourth, it was a success in that it illustrated the different points of view with which Christians look at the conditions and circumstances related to the "dignity of the individual human being."

All those students who missed the "bull sessions" lost a great opportunity for getting along with people of all types, and ways of acting in "ticklish" situations.

The members of the Religious Emphasis Week Committee and the guest speakers are to be commended for their overwhelming success, and we, students of the Prairie View family, thank all of them from the bottom of our hearts for helping us "to see the light."

## Another Homing Pigeon?

(Reprinted from Human Events)

Not long ago President Eisenhower expressed the opinion that Moscow still has not shown any real evidence of seriousness about ending the "cold war." Now Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia has challenged the President's conclusion; he rose to the defense of Russia claiming that Moscow is sincere about peaceful co-existence and that we should cooperate. Observers who have long been skeptical about Tito say that it looks like another "calculated risk" may be about to explode in our faces.

When Tito announced his break with Stalin after World War II, seasoned observers never had any doubts it was "staged" and that Tito's job was to collect from the free world (that is the U.S.) as much economic booty as possible; that Stalin—if Tito's break was genuine—could have easily crushed him. Under Truman and Acheson, however, we poured valuable aid into Yugoslavia, including many materials useful to a war machine.

If Tito is now edging toward the "jump back," it may be very serious business. The State Chambers of Commerce reported some figures last summer that may well be pondered. It was pointed out that, although our European Allies were spending on the average only from 17% to 33% of their government budgets on defense, while 66% of our budget went for defense, Tito's Yugoslavia was out-stripping everyone. The Chambers showed statistically that in the three years 1952, 1953 and 1954 an average of 80% of the Yugoslavian budget was allocated to defense. Is Tito frantically arming (giving his people only the barest necessities) to oppose Russia, or is he getting ready to strike a formidable blow for his Moscow friends? Tito's latest apology for Russia has given our State Department a very uneasy feeling, it is reported. If Tito is really a homing pigeon it will be—say observers—only another crushing example of how foolishly risks were calculated under Truman and Acheson.

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTERS

FEMALE

We have a specialty this issue, for we have not one but three lovely highlighters among the ladies. They are Johnny Coleman, Dorothy Singleton and Opal Bolden, all of Austin.

Johnny Coleman, a major in the field of business with a minor in Sociology, is a junior on the campus. She is an active member of the "Y" and a member of the dance group.

Her hobbies include dancing, swimming and reading. After graduation, she plans to either secure a position in an office or work with a recreation program.

Dorothy Singleton, also a junior, is a major in Physical Education and a minor in Elementary Education. She is a member of the "Y," a member of the KOB Club, a majorette with the band, and a member of Les Belle Lettres Cultural Club. After graduation she plans to teach Physical Education with the stress placed on dancing. Her hobbies are reading, listening to music and dancing.

Opal Bolden is a major in Physi-

cal Education, junior and a minor in Elementary Education. She is very active in the "Y," Les Belles Lettres Cultural Club, and a majorette with the band.

Her hobbies are sewing, horse back riding and cooking.

After graduation she plans to be a recreational director.

You will be seeing more of these young ladies, for they are very versatile and dance on any occasion.

MALE

Mr. Charles W. Washington, senior, of Calvert, Texas, is the highlighter among the fellows. He is majoring in History and minoring in Political Science.

Charles is a Cadet Major in the R. O. T. C., and president of the Robertson County P. V. Club. He is very active in our chapel exercises and assists the College Chaplain in carrying out the morning services.

After finishing Prairie View, Charles will go into the service, after which he will further his education.

His hobbies include reading, especially current events, and listening to music.

## TRIBUTE TO MY FRIEND

By Margaret Lewis

This is to you, Jeff, a perfect friend.

One to whom I can talk without end.

One whose interests are similar to mine.  
When you're around, things seem to shine.

There's nothing personal about our relation;  
But sometimes you are my only consolation.  
I really don't know just how you feel;  
But I can always spot a friend who's real.

Never am I ill-at-ease, Jeff, with you.  
When we're together there's plenty to do.  
While reciting a poem or singing a song,  
I get the feeling that we somehow belong.

Whenever you're moody, I'm moody too.  
Whatever you ask, I'm willing to do.  
In fact, I've started quizzing myself  
On the question: What would I do without Jeff?

When to a friend I mention your name,  
"I believe you love him," is what they exclaim.  
Love you I do, Jeff, but just like a brother.  
Your traits, I know, can't be found in another.

You are indeed a perfect friend, Jeff.  
Reflected in you I can see myself.  
When we're together we're really just one,  
Who can laugh, sing and talk till the day is done.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### INWARD ADJUSTMENT

By Dr. W. L. Cash, Jr., College Counselor

A student who is apparently above the average in educational training and intelligence recently talked with me concerning the difficulty of making satisfactory adjustments to certain realities of life. This significant statement was made by the student. "I think I have been going at the problem of adjustment in the wrong way. I have been relying too much on things outside myself, and I believe I should start from the opposite angle — inside."

The student is almost wholly correct in this assumption. A good inward adjustment is necessary before you can make a successful and fully-satisfying adjustment from without. For without poise, peace, assurance, a balance of values, and long long within yourself, you move among your friends, and others and seek to take your place in the world aimlessly, without definite goals or objectives, and without any clear-cut sense of meaning in it all. You are likely

to be too much a victim of outward changes, external situations, popular concepts of success, and whims of your own mental and emotional make-up.

Suffering, sorrow, pain, failure or the disruption of plans, disappointments in other people, even your friends, the tragedies that are so difficult to understand or explain, constant fear or suspicion, lack of courage, shyness, and many other common realities — there is often no adequate substitute for them except the inner qualities of one's life, essentially what we call character.

You must come to grips with the facts and realities of life. If you cannot change them to fit your desires, adjust yourself to them. Work out a point of view, a system of values on which you can stand, and live in spite of these unwelcome realities and facts. Unless you can quiet Self within and feel sure of yourself, even in life's second best, you cannot achieve a good outward adjustment. More than that, without INWARD ADJUSTMENT — that is, at least to yourself, the best you can do — there will never be genuine contentment in living.

## CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

By Ella M. James

Think back to your childhood and I am sure your happiest memories of Christmas will be the traditions of the family celebrations. When a child gets too old to believe in Santa Claus, Christmas is just another day to him. Here are some types of traditions for Christmas celebrations:

1. Decoration of the home. For weeks before Christmas, let every member of the family suggest ideas. Bring out the boxes of decorations from former years. Let everyone help to spruce them up and add a few made-at-home or bought-in-the-store ones. Nothing gives a child more belonging than sharing in the preparation for a holiday, and nothing gives him greater pleasure than to see some treasured decorations from former Christmases.

2. Trimming the tree. To a child the tree is a true symbol of Christmases gone by. Each person in the family should want to help in trimming the tree.

3. Carols. Start the singing of carols a week or more before Christmas and have a nightly family singing right after supper. Children love to sing and nothing gives them the spirit of Christmas more than old familiar carols.

4. Church. Most Churches have a candlelight service on Christmas Eve or a short service on Christmas morning especially designed for the whole family.

5. Distribution of gifts. It is fun as a family to go deliver the gifts the afternoon before Christmas. Everyone this way gets a personal Merry Christmas.

Sharing Christmas with others will be one of the happiest Christmases you have ever had.

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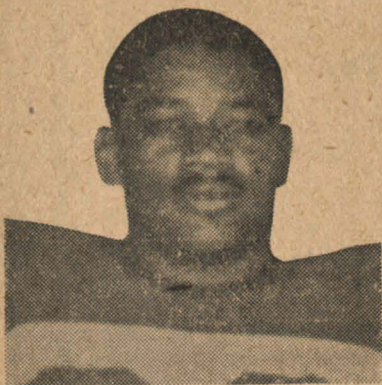
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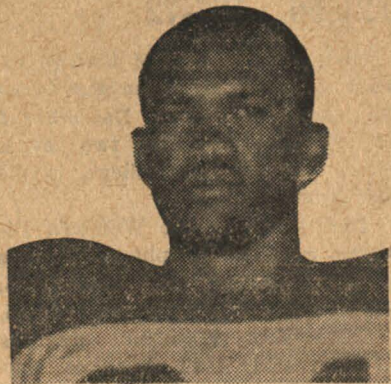
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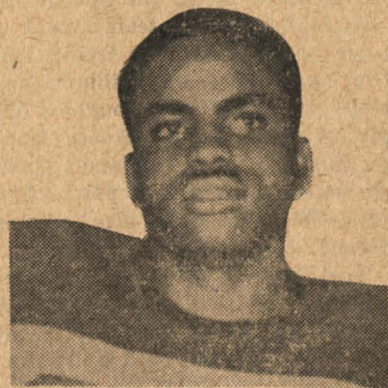
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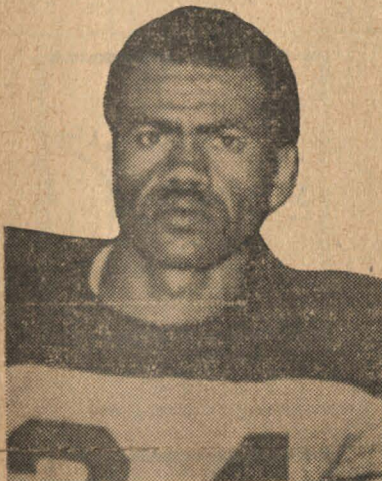
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## PANTHERS WIN 4TH CONSECUTIVE S W C CHAMPIONSHIP

By S. A. ANDERSON  
(Sports Editor)

Monday afternoon, November 29, was an official holiday at Prairie View. The occasion was the unprecedented feat of winning a fourth consecutive SWC football championship. Yes, Dr. Evans proclaimed a holiday, but the holiday actually had its beginning forty-six hours earlier.

That's the time that Southern's Captain, Charles Lemons, kicked off to our mighty Panthers. Two minutes later the Jaguars were behind 7-0, a lead they were never able to overcome.

It's history now how William "Tex" Clark took a hand-off from All-American "Choo Choo" Brackins and took off through the Southern team on a 78 yard touchdown gallop. We all saw William Stell throw the key block in the secondary and "Cho Choo's" extra point was a beauty.

Brackins baded back a few minutes later and hit "Big" Charles

Wright in the end zone with a touchdown pass that was called back because of an off-side penalty.

Giant tackle Elijah Childress jarred Southern's star quarterback Emile Pope loose from the ball in the end-zone and William Stell, a newcomer, fell on the ball with the alertness of a veteran for P. V.'s score. Again Brackins split the upright. By this time, who cared if Elvin Spears had made a thrilling, sensational, run through the Panther defense for a touchdown?

In the fourth quarter we saw Harold "Matorman" Campbell intercept a Pope pass and return it to the P. V. 49 yd. line. Every eye in the stadium saw Brackins (or tried to see him) perform a bit of magic that would make the great Houdini proud.

When Southern finally discovered it was a game, "Tex" was standing in their end-zone 52 yards away. And miraculously he was holding the pigskin. Contrary to

their belief, he had sped right past them. So Southern made another score, who cared? We saw the line play exhibited by Ferrel "Dynaflow" Randall, the sensational punting of Warren "Redbird" Maryland. Winfred "Bo" Cooper and T. J. "Butch" Franklin made their presence known all evening. Charles Wright missed a couple of passes, but like I said, "who cares?"

The Panthers, the entire team—from head Coach "Billy" Nicks right on down to the trainer, Jesse Bowie, had won the championship.

**Review of the Season's Games**  
The season started off pretty much as expected with stars John Payton, Johnnie Price, Brackins, Childress, Franklin, C. Wright, H. Wright, Clark, Cooper, Stevenson, Mooring and Willie Range making headlines with their sensational play. First to be lost was Willie Range. Sophomore David Brown stepped in and played sensational ball until he was injured and his post was turned over to Randall

and returning Korean veteran, Tyler Spikes.

Tragedy struck — and Payton was hurt in the Jackson College game. Sophomore Ross Lewis stepped in and carried the weight on his shoulders.

The next week, star halfback and punting specialist Johnnie Price fractured a collar bone. Sophomore Leon Brooks stepped in and did a sensational job of punting and contributed some fine running, too.

John Oliphant, a fellow who looks as if he has no business on the field at all, along with Randy Hobbs, became a permanent fixture at the position vacated by Price.

In the same game, T. J. Franklin suffered a broken rib, so Sophomore Alfianon Jeffro stepped in and took over. Edward Smith, Warner Price and Calvin Edwards also helped fill the gap in the line.

A. C. Stevenson became injured so Winfree Cooper and Ollie Nelson took up the slack.

In this same game, against Wiley in the Cotton Bowl, All-American end Charles Wright was injured.

This sounded like sure disaster, but Haron Tibbs, Luke Austin, Ray Hudson and Olen Mooring handled the chores until he was back on his feet again Harold Dawson alternated between guard and tackle as he was needed. Edgar Johnson saw action in the backfield Melvin Smith stood out at end.

The next week on October 6, with five first stringers absent, the Panthers met the loudly heralded Florida A & M U "Rattlers. A name that had been popping in and out of the spotlight week after week became a star. That name is William Clark. The Pittsburgh Courier labels him as the "fastest man in Negro college football." Lloyd Wells of the Houston Informer calls him the same. Whether or not they are correct is insignificant. The fight that he put up in a losing game will always be remembered by all who saw it. Everyone knows of the part he played in keeping the Panthers together. The only question is "if

### Prairie View Cagers Wallop Paul Quinn, 121-56, 107-72

Prairie View A & M College cagers opened their home season on Thursday and Friday, December 9 and 10, nights, dealing two severe blows to Paul Quinn College, 121-56 and 107-72.

Two games in the Women's Division produced a split — Prairie View taking the first game 39-35, View taking the first game 39-35,

Coach Tom Williams' reserves took an early lead over the visitors in the opening tilt, but Paul Quinn overtook them in a heated battle which lasted throughout the first half. The first team moved in later to run up the tremendous lead and final score. Williams employed his first five throughout the second game, with Clarence Ludd scoring 31 points and James Gamble 30. Both were high point players in the first game also, scoring 26 and 23 points, respectively.

Paul Quinn's scoring attack was led by Waddel Lindsay with 17 points and Leson Bush, 13, in the opener, and Oscar Ford and Allan Davis with 12 each in the final tilt.

### The Fallen Star

To most of us, December 17, 1953 was just another day. It held no special meaning to any of us. Actually it marked the beginning of a series of injuries that may eventually mark the end of the career of one of Prairie View's greatest basketball stars. December 17, 1953 was the day that tragedy overtook Irving Justice.

Justice is a 1952 graduate of the Phyllis Wheatley High School of Houston, Texas, playing on two of Wheatley's, many state championship teams. Justice was appointed to the All-City team in 1952.

After making the All-City team as a center, Justice entered Prairie View and succeeded in crashing the starting line-up as a forward. A natural center, 6'4"-191 lbs., Justice played the forward position like a veteran. Those of us who saw him as a freshman recall how he used his natural height advantage and shooting ability to perfection.

As a freshman, he hurt his right knee seriously in practice, but still managed to play enough to earn his letter, and become one of P. V.'s leading scorers.

Free of injury, he played the first nine games of the 1953-54 season. Then came the tragic December 17, against Grambling College. While driving in for a lay-up shot, Justice was upset and suffered torn ligaments in his left knee. Three weeks later he was back in action against Huston-Tillotson College, but lady-luck was not through frowning on him. He aggravated the already injured knee and hasn't seen a minute of action since.

Justice underwent an operation on the knee on August 17, 1954, exactly eight months after the injury. The operation was apparently a success and he is expected to return to action on December 1.

How well it holds up will only be discovered as time goes by, but everyone is wishing him a speedy recovery.

When asked about the team's chances for this year, Justice replied, "with or without me, we will have a good team. If overconfidence doesn't overtake us, we can go all the way."

## Enter The Career Conference Essay Contest Prizes Will Be Awarded For First, Second, And Third Place Winners

### DETAILS

Theme: "A Look At the Widening Vocational Horizons"

#### Qualifications

All students registered in courses at Prairie View A & M College are eligible to participate.

#### The Composition

- a. Nature—Essays should show interest in and familiarity with subject as well as individuality and originality.
- b. Length—not to exceed 1500 words.

#### Requirements for Submitting Essays

Essays, to be eligible for submission in this contest, shall be written under the following conditions:

- a. Contestants must submit all essays in duplicate not later than January 20, 1955 to Freddie Mae Burnett, Campus Hospital.
- b. All essays must be properly identified with the student's full name.
- c. All essays must be typewritten, double-spaced, on theme paper (size 8½ x 11).

#### Criteria for Evaluation

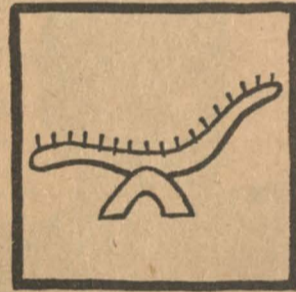
The compositions are to be graded as to relative excellence in interest, organization, and correctness of style.

- 1. Excellence in interest includes originality of thought, and fresh, individualized treatment of the theme, growing out of the writer's experience and observation.
- 2. Excellence in organization has as its main goal clarity. The organization of each paragraph should be directed to the logical development of the main goal.
- 3. Excellence in correctness of style emphasizes sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and word usage.

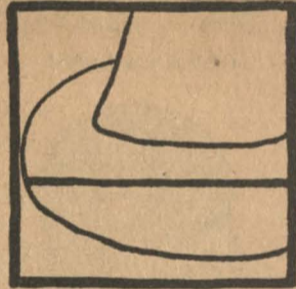
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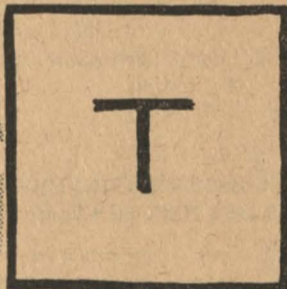
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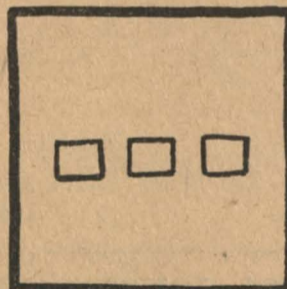
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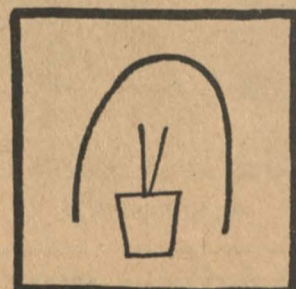
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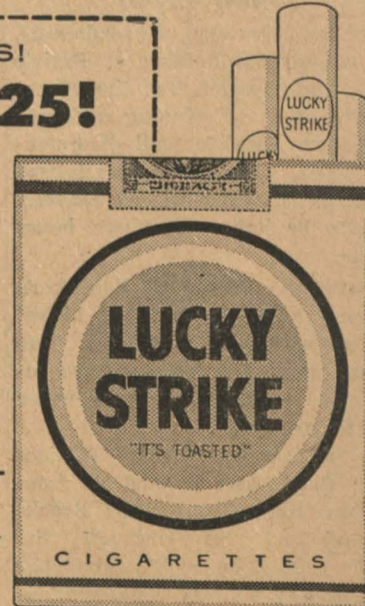
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### About P.V.-ites With The Military

Captain Clifton F. Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Vincent, Sr., 2403 Russell Street, Houston, a former graduate of Prairie View, is now serving with the 5th Infantry Division in Germany.

The "Red Diamond" division is receiving intensive training in southern Germany as part of the U. S. Seventh Army.

A supply officer with the 11th Infantry Regiment's 2d Battalion, Vincent holds the Silver Star, Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

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Captain ERNEST V. MARTIN of 1901 North Ross Avenue, Tyler, has recently been promoted to his present rank. He is assigned to Company "E," 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment of the famed 11th Airborne Division now stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Captain Martin is married to the former Miss Johnnie Ruth Brown, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and has one daughter, Marjorie, aged four.

Prior to entering the service, the captain attended Prairie View.

He served in Europe with the 25th Division in the recently concluded Korean conflict.

Captain Martin is the commanding officer of Company "E," 511th A. I. R.

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After being promoted to Captain in Japan, CLIFFORD E. CROSS of San Francisco received the two silver bars signifying his new rank.

Captain Cross, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cross, 217 Richardson street, Nacogdoches, Texas, is an alumnus of Prairie View.

He is now commander of Com-

### SALESMANSHIP FORUM HELD

"The Credit Side of Selling," a forum sponsored by the Salesmanship class, was held November 22 in the auditorium of the Administration Building

Speakers for the occasion were R. E. Brewster, Assistant Chief Accountant of the Humble Oil and Refining Co. of Houston, who spoke on "Principles Underlying Credit"; W. B. Carruth, Assistant Credit Sales Manager of Sears, Roebuck and Co., Houston, who spoke on "Credit Data Helps a Salesman"; and Samuel Dashiell, Professor of Law, Texas Southern University, who spoke on "Legal Phases of Credit."

The speakers were introduced by Timothy Hatchett, student in the Business Administration department.

Reporters, Alvin Johnson and Bennie W. Whitehead.

### San Antonio Club Plans Fun

The Prairie View-San Antonio Club planned for its annual Christmas party to be held in the Alamo City during the holidays, at its last meeting. All college students are invited to attend the affair.

The club sponsors are Mr. Oscar Eason and Mrs. Jimmie Montgomery. Newly elected officers are: president, Roger Green; vice-president, Thelma Tealer, and secretary, Lois Perkins.

pany A, 5th Cavalry Regiment, Camp Schimmelpfennig, Sendai, Japan.

### P.V. HOSTS SWIDC MEET

The Southwestern Intercollegiate Debating Conference held its meeting at Prairie View A & M College recently.

With Mrs. G. B. Levy, a member of the Prairie View varsity debating committee presiding, important considerations undertaken by the group included:

A discussion of the objectives of the SWIDC which had been drawn up at a previously held meeting in Dallas; membership qualifications in the conference—which includes all of the schools that take part in the Southwestern Athletic Conference; financial support of the organization; the election of officers; consideration of the debate topic for the year; eligibility requirements for debaters; and overall plans for the forthcoming debating season.

Officers elected were: Mrs. G. B. Levy (Prairie View), president; John P. Jones (Texas College), vice president; Dr. Thomas F. Freeman (Texas Southern University), secretary; and Dr. Tilman C. Cochran

(Arkansas State), treasurer.

Dr. J. L. Brown, Director of Extramural Activities for Prairie View, extended "Welcome" to the delegates who assembled; and President E. B. Evans, a staunch supporter of literary events, particularly debating, assured the group of "Prairie View's interest in and support of the Conference's forensic efforts."

Representatives of various colleges in attendance at the Conference meeting were: Dr. S. E. Warren (Bishop and Wiley Colleges, Marshall); Dr. Thomas F. Freeman (Texas Southern University, Houston); Dr. Blyden Jackson and J. D. Davis, II (Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.); John P. Jones (Texas College, Tyler); Dr. Tilman C. Cochran and W. M. Phillip, Jr. (Arkansas State, Pine Bluff); Dr. Earl Lewis, Dr. Jewel Prestage, Charles D. Churchwell, H. J. Brown, Miss C. P. Evans, and Mrs. G. B. Levy (Prairie View).



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### E. MILES ATTENDS N. H. S. EXECUTIVE MEET

The Alpha Pi Mu Honor Society's president, Elijah W. Miles, recently flew to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society.

The meeting was held for the purposes of making plans for the 1955 National Convention, discussing a scholarship program, and examining petitions sent in by other colleges for membership in the society.

Fifty-two colleges and universities now hold membership in the National Honor Society.

Members of the Executive Council in attendance at the meeting included: Dr. T. C. Cochran, National President; Elijah W. Miles, National Vice-President; Dr. George W. Gore, National Secretary-Treasurer; Aline Sykes, Assistant Secretary; and Committee Members—Jevonne Keller, Edward L. Murry and Drs. S. J. Wright, R. O. Johnson and E. K. Williams.

### DRILL TEAM SAVES BEST FOR LAST

The Prairie View ROTC Drill Team will present its sixth and final demonstration of the school year Saturday, January 1, 1955 at half-time of the Prairie View-Texas Southern classic. This game will

### OFFICERS' BALL A BIG SUCCESS

The annual ROTC Officers' Ball which was held Friday, December 10, at 8:00 p.m. turned out to be a very gala affair. In fact, it was said to have been the best in the PV-ROTC Ball's history, which dates back to 1943.

Present were the Senior ROTC Cadets, their guests, the Military Staff, their guests, President Evans and several members of the Prairie View faculty.

The ROTC Cadets were clad in their Class "A" Winter Uniforms; the Military Staff were clad in their Military formal attire; the ladies, of course, were dressed in beautiful evening dresses and the other guests were dressed in their formal attire.

The ball began promptly at 8:00 p.m. with dinner in the Student Cafeteria. The wide variety of food was selected and prepared with special care, and as a result was very delicious and enjoyed by all. To add to the overall enjoyment of

the dinner the cafeteria was very beautifully decorated.

After dinner the group of approximately 150 "rushed" to the Student Recreation Center to begin dancing. Music was furnished by "Connie's Combo" of Houston.

After dancing for hours and seeing that "Connie" was not going to play until daylight, the tired but happy couples called it a night.

The ladies were beautiful; the gentlemen were "sharp"; the food was delicious, and the music was melodious.

The Cadet Officers had made special preparation for the success of this event. Cadet Lt. Col. James Wallace was responsible for the beautiful decoration of the cafeteria. Cadet Maj. Renaldo Yerwood supervised the decoration of the recreation center. Cadet Capt. Franklin Fisher and Cadet Lt. Julius Parker made the menu, and Cadet Col. Loston Harris and Cadet Maj. Oliver Harrison prepared the invitations.

### P.V. Downs Tough Langston Outfit

The Panthers downed the Langston Lions in one of the hardest fought games of the season. The Lions fielded a strong team and up until the last five minutes, it looked as if they might win.

Playing without the services of Harry Wright, due to a broken ankle, the Panthers appeared baffled by a strong Langston defense. John Payton, who had only been in the lineup a few weeks after an ankle injury had sidelined him for most of the season, returned to the injured list. He suffered a shoulder separation and will be out for an undetermined amount of time. The Panthers trailed until the last few minutes. Then, Brackins called time out. When play was resumed, the Panthers started moving. Chiefly with William Clark and William "Dickie" Stell moving the ball the Panthers progressed to the Lion 35. A Brackins-to-Maryland-to-Wright carried to the 8. Brackins then passed to Maryland, who repeated his performance of the week before against Grambling by making a sensational leaping catch in the end zone. When the cheering was over, the Panthers had "done it again."

### DRILL TEAM SAVES BEST FOR LAST

The team has already begun practice to prepare this exercise for presentation.

With one of its most successful years almost behind it, the team is preparing this demonstration to be the best of all.

### New Civil Service Examinations Announced

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**P. V. BASKETEERS  
SPLIT WITH HOOD**

The 1954 edition of the Prairie View Basketeers looked very impressive in its first outing. The Panthers split with a strong Fort Hood quintet at Fort Hood on Nov. 26-27.

With seven lettermen and a strong crop of freshmen, the Panthers played brilliant ball. The lettermen are: Clarence Ludd, who made the Houston Informer All-American team last year at center; guards Emanuel Jones, Alton Bennett and Charles Whitmore; Irving Justice (who is out with an injury), at forward, and center Gerald Baptiste and Ellis Edwards.

Outstanding freshmen are Carmen Stewart of Houston's Phyllis Wheatley High School, and Calvin White of Fidelity High of Houston. James Gamble and Lorenza Dunlap, both of Los Angeles, are stand-outs.

Leading the Panthers as usual in the first game was Clarence Ludd, who scored 33 points. Close behind him was James Gamble. Gamble and Ludd were also the leading scorers in the second game. The scores were Hood 80 - PV 76 in the first game and PV 76 - Hood 69 in the second. The latter was a nip-and-tuck affair with PV taking the lead in the last five minutes for keeps.

Leading Fort Hood was ex-Panther David Harper who scored 25 and 16 points, respectively — the latter in spite of a specially designed defense.

**PANTHERS WIN**

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"Tex' isn't an All-American, then why not?"

The following week against Arkansas AM&N a new name came up. That of William Stell. Stell led the Panthers over the Lions and his overall performance was great. Although only a freshman, this fellow bears watching. His running reminds this writer of one Ray Don Dillon. Need I say more?

Captain Harry Wright, one of the unsung heroes on the squad, suffered a broken ankle in practice and is now being forced to close a brilliant career on crutches. This was a serious blow to the Panthers because he is that settling influence that is always necessary on a great team like the one we have.

Coach Nicks reached far into his bag and came out with one Henry Flukus. The Paris Junior had seen spot action all season long. On this occasion, he "arrived." He was all over the field that week against Grambling. He also contributed much to P. V.'s win over Southern University.

Very little can be said about the play of "Choo Choo," the oft-repeated phrase "so goes Brackins, so go the Panthers" was well proven against Florida. 'Nuff said. If Brackins had faltered, Gene Cannon, Leon Brooks and Leonard Chew were on hand to fill the gap.

That's the story behind the 4th Championship. Teamwork all the way.

This was the last home game for Brackins, both Wrights, Price, Childress, and Franklin. It wouldn't surprise me a bit if some jerseys don't get retired out of that group. How about that?

**COED'S POEM —**

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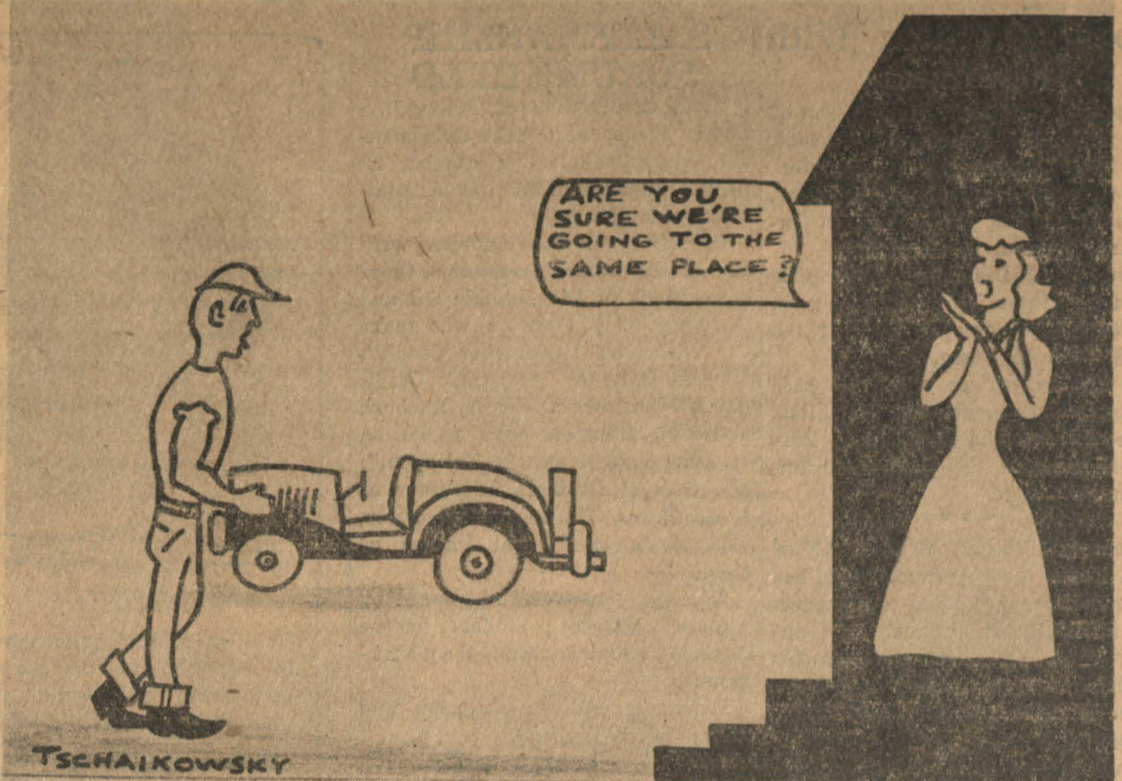
Robinson of 312 W. 12th Street, reside in that city.

The "budding poetess" (who is by nature rather quiet) had little to say about the honor, but her face was a happy one when the announcement was made to her via correspondence.

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