

PRESTON-PRUNTY FTA CHAPTER ORGANIZED

The Preston-Prunty Chapter of the Future Teachers of America was officially chartered recently in an impressive ceremony conducted in the Administration Auditorium at Prairie View A. & M. College. An inspiring address by Dr. James D. Singletary, Head of the campus department of Education, challenged the members of the organization to make their endeavors of true professional worth. He emphasized the importance of "an inclusive organization for all students who are interested in improving the education of children, be they in elementary education, secondary education, special education, or the like. The Future Teachers of America, he elaborated, "Affords rich opportunities for improving articulation between the levels of public school education and for developing for the State of Texas a reservoir of alert, conscientious, capable teachers." These ideas were further emphasized in the comments from other school officials present at the ceremony.

The record of the Preston-Prunty Chapter pays homage to this challenge. Since its birth a few short months ago, it has engaged in several professionally rewarding experiences. Phyllis Wheatley High School and Blackshear Elementary School in Houston, Texas, were the sites of a day of evaluative observation by the Chapter. The physical plant, teaching procedures, pupil-teacher relationships were points of particular concern. The agenda of the organization is centered around such activities as panel discussions, educational field trips and lectures from experienced persons in the field of education.

The chapter is named in honor of the sponsors, Mrs. A. C. Preston, Supervisor of Student Teaching, and Miss C.Y. Prunty, Instructor of Education.

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