

Mrs Anna C Preston of PV Is Honoree at Gola Reception

PRAIRIE VIEW- ---Staff members of the Department of Education honored Mrs. Anne C. Preston at a dinner in recognition of and appreciation for her inspiring services to Prairie View A & M College, the community, the state and the nation, on April 18, 1967 in the Sky Room.

Dr. Carl C. Weems presided as master of ceremonies for the occasion and remarks were made by Dr. J. B. Murphy, Dean T. P. Dooley, Dean C. L. Wilson and President Emeritus E. B. Evans. Dr. A. I. Thomas could not be present because of pressing business out of town. Dean C. L. Wilson represented the president. Mrs. A. I. Thomas also delivered a praiseworthy tribute to the honored guest at the evening assemblage.

Many expression of love, friendship and appreciation were given by the speakers for the 34 years of dedicated service rendered by Mrs. Preston. In addition telegrams congratulating the honoree were read.

A beautiful plaque, extolling her 34 years of meritorious service was presented Mrs. Preston by her long-time colleague and friend Mr. Herman T. Jones, principal of the Prairie View training School.

Mrs. Anne C. Preston is a native of Petersburg, Virginia where she received her elementary and high school training. She holds a B.S. Degree from Virginia State and an M. A. Degree from Columbia University. Since coming to Prairie View in September, 1933, Mrs. Preston has made many worthwhile contributions to the field of teacher education. She worked with the Texas Department of Education in the organization of Adult Education and the revision of the revision of the rural school curriculum. She initiated the offcampus Student Teaching Program as early as 1938, and had established 25 training centers by 1947.

The present curriculum for training elementary school teachers was spearheaded by Mrs. Preston. She is also founder of the Preston-Prunty Chapter of the Texas Student Education Association.

Mrs. C. B. Coss, chairman of the Retirement Com-

mittee climaxed the event of the evening by presenting Mrs. Preston with flowers from the staff and from Com. and Mrs. William L. Porter of Washington, D. C. The musical portion of the program consisted of a baritone solo, by Professor Joseph L.

Grimes, who rendered with great depth of appreciation the most appropriate favorite, "Passing By." He was ably accompanied by Mrs. Eula M. Dooley, an especially intimate friend of the honored evening's celebrity. Mrs. Preston will retire on May 31, 1967.