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PRAIRIE VIEW AGRICULTURAL AND
MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS

SEVENTY-NINTH YEAR

CONVOCATION EXERCISES

THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION



AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS
SUNDAY MORNING, MAY FIFTEENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE
ELEVEN O'CLOCK

ORDER OF EXERCISES

THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION

- Processional: "War March of the Priests" (*Athalia*) *Mendelssohn*
Administrative Officers and Faculty
Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree
Candidates for the Master's Degree
The President and the Convocation Speaker

CALL TO WORSHIP

- HYMN: "God of Our Fathers" Congregation
God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand,
Leads forth in Beauty all the starry band,
Of shining worlds, in splendor thru' the skies.
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.
A-men.

SCRIPTURE-INVOCATION

- MUSIC: Anthem—"Misericordias Domini"
(Mercy upon Us O Lord) *F. Durante*
College Choir

- INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER DR. EDWARD BERTRAM EVANS
President, Prairie View A. & M. College
Prairie View, Texas

- CONVOCATION ADDRESS DR. RUFUS B. ATWOOD
President, Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

- MUSIC: (Spiritual) "I've Been Buked and Scorned" *Arr. Hall Johnson*
College Choir

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

PRESENTATION OF PRAIRIE VIEW CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSION IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

DR. I. T. HUNTER, '26
Tyler, Texas

- MUSIC: Alma Mater "Dear Prairie View"
Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise,
In gratitude we sing our hymn of praise.
For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections,
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee,
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion,
To serve thee now, and through eternity.
As days go by our hearts will not grow cold,
We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold,
We'll through our lives exemplify thy teaching
We'll always strive a blessing to be.
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We'll love thee now, and through eternity.
Music from "Finlandia" by Sibelius
Words by O. Anderson Fuller

BENEDICTION

- BENEDICTION-RESPONSE "Lord Let Us Now Depart in Peace"
College Choir

- RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance" *Elgar*
(Audience Seated)

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Coleman, Lula Mae
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Durgan, Dolores

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Fields, Barbara Jean
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Ford, General Hue
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Freeman, Marcus A., Jr.
Fulton, Adolph
Goodman, Roland A.
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Harris, Loston
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Henderson, Sam Ella
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Johnson, Norma Lee
Jordan, Cleophus Delores
Kimble, Ruby Lee
Lawson, Edward L.
Lemons, Cassie Mae
McDaniel, Jake Edward
Miles, Elijah W.
Morgan, Norris D.
Ogletree, Mack D., Jr.

Overstreet, Granvel A.
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Steward, Belvin B.*
Thomas, Arletta V.
Thomas, Virgetta
Tramble, Lorenzo L.
Tuck, Alton E.
Washington, Charles W.
Williams, Eunice Faye
Winfield, Frances L.
Wooten, Margarette M.

IN MUSIC

Callies, Davetta B.
Douglass, Bennie J.
Gilford, Audrey Jean

Harris, Calvin Jr.
Love, Mary Francis*
Smith, Clarence A., Jr.

Stanton, Ethel O'Neal
Sparks, Alice E.*
Thompson, Earlene Y.

Thompson, Henry L.
Timmons, Benjamin
Williams, Jean Mae

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Butler, Douthard R.
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Cooper, Bettye Mae

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Harrison, Oliver W.
Hebert, Norman
Henson, Euril

Hill, Joseph
Houston, Joe E.
Howard, Billy
Hudson, Roy Lloyd
Jackson, Dorothy A.
Jackson, Wardell S.
Jiles, Wanda M.
Johnson, Gloria Y.
Johnson, Lee O.
Joyce, Jerry G.
Knight, Thelma
Larkin, William F.
Love, James A.
McCullough, Rutha M. C.
Madison, Ervin E.

Mark, Mildred D.
Martin, Welton
Mucker, Joe Horace
Nowlin, William J.
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Roach, Sylvester L.
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IN EDUCATION

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Godine, Bernice
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Goodson, Gloria Thomas
Green, Myrtle J.
Griggs, Rose Mary

Hall, Beedie M.
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Haynes, Eva M.
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Hudson, Geraldine B.
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Jackson, Pearl Jean
Jameson, Prudie*
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Johnson, Doris Lee
Johnson, Leola Van
Johnson, Mae Pearl
Jones, Carmenia M.

Jones, Emma D.
Jones, Ethel L.
Kendricks, Dorothy N.
Lewis, Pearl L. P.
Lockwood, Helen T.*
Martin, Betty Lou
Moss, Marjorie A.
Nickerson, Evelyn Y.
Nunn, Oma J.R.*
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- *PAULINE CARTER ELMORE—B.S. in Education, Houston College, 1947
- *WALTER DARESE EVANS—A.B., Wiley College, 1947
- *MYRTLE LILLIAN MONTENA—B.S. in Education, Prairie View A. & M. College, 1942
- *ODA V. ANDERSON PRESTON—A.B., Texas College, 1941
- *EXIA I. CURTIS ROSS—B.S. in Home Economics, Prairie View A. & M. College, 1948
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- *LENORA REEVES WILLIAMS—B.S. in Home Economics, Prairie View A. & M. College, 1947
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- ROBBIE HARRIS JOHNSON—B.S. in Education, Prairie View A. & M. College, 1950
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Baking | Robinson, Mary Ellen
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Carreathers, Margaret**
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Flowers, Leroy
Fry, Irene L.**
Harris, Loston
Hill, Edward V.
Larkin, William
McDonald, Thaddeus**
Nickens, Claudette

Pierre, Dallas**
Rausaw, Doris L.**
Rickett, Benjamin
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Tillis, Cleotrice
Wallace, James
Washington, Charles

With Great Distinction

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