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PRAIRIE VIEW AGRICULTURAL AND  
MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT



BLACKSHEAR FIELD-STADIUM  
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST TWENTY-FIFTH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR  
EIGHT O'CLOCK

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

## THE COMMENCEMENT 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 His Party

INVOCATION .....THE REVEREND L. C. PHILLIP

ANTHEM: "Hallelujah" .....*Beethoven*  
College Choir

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

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .....DR. J. S. SCOTT  
President, Wiley College  
Marshall, Texas

SPIRITUAL: "Go Down Moses" .....*Arr. Noble Cain*  
College Choir

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES BY THE PRESIDENT

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

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.

*Words by O. Anderson Fuller*  
*Music from "Finlandia" by Sibelius*

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



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 ONITA B. CHRETIEN—B.S., Tillotson College, 1940  
 LUSHINE BARRYE BROWN CRAYNIE—A.B., Tillotson College, 1944  
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PRAIRIE VIEW AGRICULTURAL AND  
MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22, 1954 AT 11:00 O'CLOCK

AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM

THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER  
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL: "War March of the Priests" .....*Mendelssohn*

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mr. J. Ashton Murray

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.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
All glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

PRAYER .....THE REVEREND L. C. PHILLIP

RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayer" .....College Choir

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: "All Things Come of Thee" .....College Choir

ANTHEM: "Psalm 150th" .....*Lewandowsky*  
College Choir

SERMON .....THE REVEREND U. S. KEELING, SR.  
Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
Beaumont, Texas

SPIRITUAL: "Rockin' Jerusalem" .....*John Work*  
College Choir: Soloist, Letha Curtis

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: "Lord Let Use Now Depart in Peace" .....College Choir

RECESSIONAL .....(Congregation Seated)