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PILLARS of Prairie View



Dorothy I. Burdine

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Wealth enough to support your needs.

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Faith enough to make real the things of God.

And, hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

After four years there as a teacher at Whittier Elementary School she returned to Prairie View to serve as Principal of the Prairie View Training School and Supervisor of On-Campus Student Teaching for eight years.

During her thirty-two years' service to Prairie View A&M College, she served as Associate Professor of Elementary Education and Supervisor of Off-Campus Elementary Student Teaching.

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