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PRAIRIE VIEW AGRICULTURAL AND  
MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

CONVOCAATION EXERCISES

THE SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCAATION



AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY TWENTY-FIRST

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY

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" (The Kingdom of God) ..... *Congregation*

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through 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: Gloria from "St. Cecelia Mass" ..... *Gounod*  
College Choir

## THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER BY THE PRESIDENT

CONVOCATION ADDRESS ..... **MR. ARCHIE A. ALEXANDER**  
President of Alexander and Repass Construction Company,  
Des Moines, Iowa  
American-Caribbean Construction Co., Haiti

MUSIC: Better Be Ready) ..... (Spirituals) ..... *Arr. by Dett*  
Bye And Bye )  
College Choir

## THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Association Representative

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

## BENEDICTION-RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus from "Mount of Olives" ..... *Beethoven*  
College Choir

RECESSIONAL ..... (Audience Seated)

## HONOR STUDENTS

### *With Great Distinction*

Ruth Sewell

### *With Distinction*

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Bettye Eugenia Brannon     | Thelma Redd Meiguez    |
| Lillie Louise Miller Davis | Riley N. Henderson Jr. |
| Eura Leigh Fulbright       | Johnnie Mae Jones      |

## SECOND LIEUTENANTS OF INFANTRY OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS

Barrens, Grady Edward  
Black, Bernard Lynn  
Calhoun, Joseph Clifton  
Chandler, Walter Lee  
Cross, Clifford Earl  
Dawson, Delbert Hyman

Garrett, Willie Lorance  
Heard, Isiah Henry  
Knotts, Doris X. C.  
Lavert, Ralph Curtis  
Mitchell, James Aubrey

McVea, Clifton Charles  
Mercer, George Jr.  
Montgomery, Mildren M.  
Reed, James Walton  
Reese, Le Roy Jr.

Robinson, Obie Dean  
Smith, Joe Edward  
Wade, Curtis Lennard  
Walton, Joseph Rex  
Williams, Winston A.  
Young, Phillip Lee

### DISTINGUISHED MILITARY GRADUATES

Dawson, Delbert Hyman  
Smith, Joe Edward

### OUTSTANDING AWARD GRADUATING CADET

Montgomery Mildren M.

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

#### *Presentation by the Director*

|                      |                     |                      |                     |
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|                     |                    |                   |                       |
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| Pearline Dickson    | Dorothy Jean Lewis | Ernice A. Petty   | Luther T. Wells Jr.*  |

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|                      |                        |                         |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
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|                         |                        |                     |                      |
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| Mary Opal Emery        | Fannie Earline McGill   |                          | Josie Lee M. Williams  |

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#### *Presentation by the Director*

Luther J. Mitchell\*

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| John Horace Dibble    | Josephus Calhoun Jones | Lathell Clenton Powell | Haywood Lewis Young   |
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 OWENA HALL SAUNDERS—A.B., Wiley College, 1937  
 VAN EDWARD SIMS—A.B., Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, 1949  
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## TRADE CERTIFICATES

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
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