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ANNUAL FALL CONVOCATION



Wednesday, September 25, 1991

11:00 A.M.

University Field House

**Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas**

Prairie View is an institution—a public institution. But an institution is an empty thing without the beating hearts and yearning souls of mortal men. And down the...years of Prairie View's existence, men have lived and dreamed here until every blade of grass and every rock, in the wise primordial way in which the primitive earth knows and cares, has joined the choir invisible to bless their memory. 'For every man whose foot has touched this hallowed soil has found a spirit, and has broadened and deepened it until what started out as an ambitionless meandering stream has become a purposeful river upon whose tide, now turbulent, now tranquil, floats the destiny of countless human hopes and dreams.'

--Dr. George R. Woolfolk
THE FIRST SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS

The Convocation PROGRAM

- Presiding.....Mr. Chancellor Archie
Senior, Electrical Engineering
- PRELUDE.....Dr. Danny R. Kelley
Organist
- ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL: "War March of the Priests"
(Athalia).....Felix Medelssohn
- INVOCATION.....Reverend W. Van Johnson
Dean, University Chapel
- POSTING OF THE COLORS.....AROTC AND NROTC Color Guard
- MUSIC: "The Star Spangled Banner".....Francis Scott Key
Mr. Frank L. Hallum, Senior, Music
- THE OCCASION.....Dr. Flossie M. Byrd
Vice President for Academic Affairs
- MUSIC: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee".....Arr. Harry Simeone
University Concert Choir and Trumpets
Mr. C. Everett Powell, Director
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....Lt. Gen.(Ret.) Julius W. Becton, Jr.
President, Prairie View A&M University
- ADDRESS.....Dr. Samuel Metters
President and CEO, Metters Industries
McLean, Virginia
- RESPONSES: The Faculty.....Mr. Hulén Davis
Chair, Faculty Senate
The Students.....Ms. Elizabeth Vaughn
Miss Prairie View '91
- MUSIC: "You Must Have True Religion".....Arr. Roland Carter
University Concert Choir
- PRESENTATION.....Lt. Gen.(Ret.) Julius W. Becton, Jr.
President, Prairie View A&M University
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ALMA MATER: "Dear Prairie View".....Fuller-Sibelius
- BENEDICTION.....Reverend W. Van Johnson
Dean, University Chapel
- RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance".....Edgar Elgar
(Audience Seated)

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 teachings,
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**