

March 17, 1962

Seminary Trustees
Agree With Merger

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees voted here to accept a proposed merger with Carver School of Missions and Social Work and approved a report on Professor Dale Moody concerning his doctrinal beliefs.

In a joint meeting with seminary trustees, Carver trustees made a formal proposal to merge the 55-year-old institution with Southern Baptists' oldest seminary.

Subject to Southern Baptist Convention approval in June, the seminary trustees gave their executive committee authority "to make such arrangements and contractual agreements as necessary to effectuate the merger."

Long operated as a Woman's Missionary Union Training School before becoming a Convention institution, Carver consists of three buildings on 10 acres adjacent to the seminary here and has 55 students.

Carver School President Nathan C. Brooks Jr. and Seminary President Duke K. McCall termed the proposed merger "an historic Southern Baptist event." If the merger is approved, Southern Seminary trustees pledged themselves to continue the institution's purposes of training students in church social work and advanced mission studies.

Carver, in its annual report to the San Francisco Convention, June 5-8, will recommend the merger. First announcement of the proposed union came to the SBC Executive Committee in its recent winter session.

At that time, Brooks said 1963 would be expected to be the closing year for Carver under the merger plan. New students in the fall of 1962 would be admitted by the seminary, although second year Carver students would complete courses leading to a Carver degree.

"We are still negotiating the location of Carver's course work in the seminary curriculum," Brooks said. "Next year, Carver School faculty will be teaching in the joint operation."

In a resolution accepting the Carver School trustees' action, the seminary board praised the Woman's Missionary Union (Convention auxiliary), Carver's administration and faculty, and made an appeal for "loyalty and devotion" from the school's alumni.

Answering a resolution from the Oklahoma County Baptist Pastors' Conference, which covers the Oklahoma City area, and the Delaware-Osage Baptist Association, covering the Bartlesville, Okla., area, trustees acted on a subcommittee report concerning Professor Dale Moody.

The trustees accepted the subcommittee report which found Moody's beliefs on security of believers not inconsistent with the Articles of Faith adopted by the 1925 Southern Baptist Convention.

Moody had been accused of teaching doctrines not in keeping with Baptist beliefs.

After Moody addressed an Oklahoma Baptist Bible Conference last summer, the two groups requested Southern Baptist seminaries to determine if their professors were teaching doctrines as defined by the Articles of Faith.

The groups accused Moody of believing it is "possible for a person once saved to be lost."

A special committee consisting of three seminary trustee officers and C. Penrose St. Amant, school of theology dean at the Louisville seminary, met with Moody on Feb. 1 to discuss the charges.

At the meeting, Moody stated he was in complete agreement with the 1925 Articles of Faith. In addition to interviewing Moody, members of the committee read transcribed manuscripts of addresses given at the Oklahoma meeting.

The trustees' statement to the Oklahoma group expressed "regret" from the trustees and Moody that the "addresses should have given offense and hope that the brethren of Oklahoma and Dr. Moody will join with us in prayers that no permanent harm will prove to have been done to our beloved fellowship."

Moody, now doing studies at Oxford University in England, was back in the States for a series of lectures when he met with the special trustees' committee. He will be in England through the summer of 1963.

In other action, Southern's trustees promoted three faculty members--Ernest J. Loessner from associate to full professor of religious education, David L. Mueller from assistant to associate professor of Christian theology and John N. Sims from assistant to associate professor of church music.

O. Norman Shands, pastor of West End Baptist Church, Atlanta, was reelected chairman of the trustees.

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Chaplaincy Director
Tours Europe, Near East

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ATLANTA (BP)--The director of the division of chaplaincy of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here has announced plans for a tour of Europe and the Near East, starting April 6 from New York.

George W. Cummins of Atlanta said the purpose of his visit would be to find areas where the chaplains division could help the man in the field.

During his eight-week tour, the first since he became director of the division more than a year ago, he will visit chaplains, military personnel and military establishments.

Mrs. Cummins will accompany him on the tour. "We will be in the homes of many of the chaplains, and the presence of Mrs. Cummins will mean much to these families," he said.

The itinerary will include England, France, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Libya and Spain.

In Germany, Cummins, who is a Naval reserve chaplain, will speak and lead conferences at the annual meeting for Baptist chaplains, military personnel and families at Berchtesgaden May 7-10. Some 500 Baptists gather here each year for this meeting.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ANNUAL MEETING

June 4-5, 1962

Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, California

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Texas--President
State W.M.U. Presidents serve as Vice-Presidents
Mrs. Robert Fling, Oklahoma--Recording Secretary
Miss Alma Hunt, Alabama--Executive Secretary

Theme: We've a Story to Tell:)
We've a Message to Give:) TO THE NATIONS
We've a Song to Be Sung:)
We've a Saviour to Show:)

Monday Morning, June 4

Prelude	9:30 o'clock
Call to Worship	Baylor University A Capella Choir: Dr. Euell Porter, Texas, Director
Song Service	Mrs. H. H. Grooms, Director Mrs. Helen F. Robertson, Va., Organist Miss Nina Kondatuf, Calif., Pianist
Devotional Period	<i>Kondratuf</i>
"We've a Story to Tell"	Mrs. Claude H. Rhea Jr., Louisiana
"A Song to Be Sung"	Sextet, Baylor University
Prayer	Miss Bertha Smith, S. C.
Organization	
Presentation of Hostess Committee	Mrs. Lloyd Burdette, Calif.
Hymn	
Launching the 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union	Miss Alma Hunt, Ala.
President's Message	Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Texas
Solo	Miss Irene Jordan, New York
Adjournment	

Monday Afternoon

Prelude	1:30 o'clock
Call to Worship	Baylor University A Capella Choir
Song Service	
Devotional Period	
"We've a Message to Give"	Mrs. Claude H. Rhea Jr.
"A Song to Be Sung"	
Prayer	
Business	

TO THE NATIONS

Latin American Choir	Second Spanish Baptist Church San Francisco
Catholicism USA	E. Jack Combs, Calif.
I Found the Lord Who Reigneth Above	Mrs. Josias Robledo, Calif. Paul Rogasin, Calif. Los Angeles
Hungarian Choir	
"For the Darkness Shall Turn to Dawning"	Mrs. S. Dan Sprinkle Jr., Missionary
In Argentina	Miss Virginia Wingo, Missionary
In Italy	Irene Jordan
Solo	
Adjournment	

Monday Evening

Prelude	7:30 o'clock
Call to Worship	
Song Service	

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Devotional Period

"We've a Story to Tell"

Mrs. Claude H. Rhea Jr.

"A Song to Be Sung"

Prayer

I Found the Lord in America

Miss Ruth Cuevas, Calif.

To the Nations, Our Charge

William M. Dyal Jr., Virginia

Solo

Irene Jordan

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"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Baylor University A Capella Choir

Adjournment

Tuesday Morning, June 5

Prelude

9:30 o'clock

Call to Worship

Baylor University A Capella Choir

Song Service

Devotional Period

"We've a Song to Be Sung"

Mrs. Claude H. Rhea Jr.

"A Song to Be Sung"

Prayer

Hymn

TO THE NATIONS

Buddhists and Moslems, USA

E. Jack Combs

Chinese Choir

Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco

I Found the Lord in America

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Mr. and Mrs. John Wong, Calif.

The Peter Chen Family

"For the Darkness Shall Turn to Dawning"

In Japan

Mrs. Charles L. Martin Jr., Missionary

In Nigeria

Dr. J. Edwin Low, Missionary

Solo

Irene Jordan

Adjournment

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"We've a Saviour to Show"

Mrs. Claude H. Rhea Jr.

"A Song to Be Sung"

Prayer

Business

Hymn

TO THE NATIONS

Escaping Communism

John H. Haldeman, Florida

"For the Darkness Shall Turn to Dawning"

In Southern Rhodesia

Mrs. Marvin L. Garrett, Missionary

Solo

Irene Jordan

Adjournment