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Mary Hardin-Baylor  
Votes to Desegregate

BELTON, Tex. (BP)--Trustees of Mary Hardin-Baylor College here completed a stair-step plan to desegregate the Baptist women's school, approved plans for a complete development program, and voted salary increases for faculty members during a recent meeting.

The trustees passed a resolution to consider all applications for enrollment without regard to race or color beginning with the fall term of 1965.

A year ago, the trustees had quietly voted to desegregate their classes to day students beginning with the spring semester next year, but no announcement was made of the action.

The resolution passed at the most recent meeting clears the way for dormitory students to be accepted on the same basis beginning next fall.

The action will ultimately result in complete desegregation, and will end a study resulting from the first action a year ago that called for continued study of the matter until the college was operating on a completely desegregated basis.

In other action, the board approved a development program that would include buildings, maintenance, salaries, departmental budgets, scholarships, endowment and all other areas.

A joint committee of trustees, administrative officials, faculty, and others will be appointed by the board's president to plan the details of the development program.

The faculty salary increase approved by the board will involve rewriting the present contracts of all members of the teaching faculty, placing them under new contracts beginning with the fall semester of 1965 when the raises go into effect.

The action by Mary Hardin-Baylor trustees means that all schools owned and operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas are operating under a policy of admitting qualified students without regard to race.

Most of the Texas Baptist schools have taken desegregation action quietly within the last three years. A few have set desegregated admissions policies, but no Negro students have yet asked to enroll.

The Baptist schools in Texas which have admission policies without regard to race include Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.; University of Corpus Christi in that city; Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.; East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex.; San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Tex.; and Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex.

Houston Baptist College opened last year with no racial restrictions in its admissions policies, and Dallas Baptist College is expected to open in 1965 on the same basis.

President Visits Home  
Of Baptist School Head

SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)--President Lyndon B. Johnson visited in the home of San Marcos Academy President William H. Crook here following a speaking engagement at a state supported college here.

President Johnson and several of his staff attended a luncheon and reception at the Baptist school head's home on Nov. 20 immediately after delivering the inaugural address honoring President James McCrocklin of Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos.

President Johnson is a graduate of the state supported school here, and is a personal friend of Academy president Crook.

Crook, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nacogdoches, Tex., made an unsuccessful bid in 1960 for congress, and became president of the Academy here following the 1960 elections.

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Note to Editors: Baptist Press is trying to obtain a BP Photo for mailing within next few days.

Scales Tells Students  
Of Negro Responsibility

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LANGSTON, Okla. (BP)--The president of Oklahoma Baptist University told students and faculty members at a Negro school here that the Negro of today has a greater responsibility than ever before.

James R. Scales, the Baptist college president from Shawnee, Okla., spoke on "The Negro in American Life: 1964" during a series of meetings at Langston University (Negro) here on "Responsibilities of American Citizenship."

Scales urged the Negro students to assume "a higher obligation" to improve the educational, occupational, income and housing status of the Negro.

"Action to improve those bare necessities of the good life becomes mandatory," Scales said. "And the resultant fact is that a higher obligation must be assumed."

Scales explained that it would be easy to take the position that there is no basic difference in the civic responsibility of the black and white citizen--that the cliches of the good society are equally applicable to all men.

"But the tragedy is that there is a double standard in the responsibilities of citizenship," he said. "The Negro citizen in this decade of turmoil has a higher responsibility of a different cast."

He added that racists often point to the "higher crime rate in Negro communities, the statistics of the higher number of welfare recipients, and the higher Negro illiteracy."

"It does the cause of justice no service," he said, "to comment that people subject to systematic discrimination and standing at the bottom of the classifications of education, income, occupational status and housing would also suffer in large degree from other ills associated with poverty."

Then he urged the Negro students and faculty members to take some action to improve the living conditions of their people, and to assume "a higher obligation."

"It would be pleasant to believe that the (civil rights) struggle is over, but the truth is that the Negro citizen must continue to bear a heavy load," he said.

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Academy Approves Move  
To New \$1 Million Campus

HARLINGEN, Tex. (BP)--Trustees of Valley Baptist Academy here have approved a master plan for developing a new campus which would eventually be valued at a million dollars.

The trustees voted unanimously to begin construction as soon as possible on two dormitories as the first buildings on the new campus, and approved a \$560,000 fund drive to finance the first phase of construction.

No dates, however, were set for the fund drive, and a committee was appointed to work out details.

Final approval of the master plan for the new campus and the fund drive must come from the 192-member Texas Baptist Executive Board.

First phase of construction would include two dormitories, a student center, a classroom and administration building and several faculty housing units.

Second phase, not included in the \$560,000 fund drive, would include a chapel, a gymnasium, a second classroom building and a faculty housing center.

When completed, the new campus would provide facilities for 400 students, most of them Latin Americans who need secondary education and specialized training.

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Illinois Elects  
Music Secretary

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CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--Leroy McClard, Nashville, Young People - Adult music consultant for the church music department of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, has been elected state secretary of music for Illinois.

His election by directors of the Illinois Baptist state association here fills the vacancy created more than two years ago when Earl Wayne Morris resigned to enter graduate study at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

The new Illinois secretary expects to start his work here Jan. 1. He is a native of Missouri and was state music secretary for Arkansas Baptists before joining the Sunday School Board a little over a year ago.

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Hulse Joins Standard

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DALLAS (BP)--The Baptist Standard, official publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has named LaWayne Hulse as editorial assistant.

Hulse, pastor of the Alta Mere Baptist Church in Fort Worth and a former newspaper man, succeeds J. Eugene White who has become managing editor of Church and State published in Washington, D. C.

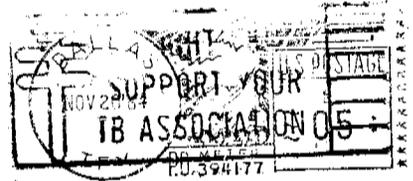
A journalism graduate from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Hulse was reporter for the Snyder (Tex.) Daily News, the Fort Worth Star Telegram, and the San Angelo (Tex.) Standard Times before becoming a Baptist pastor.

He served as pastor of Baptist churches in Mason, Tex., and San Angelo, Tex., before going to the Fort Worth church four years ago.

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### D. C. Convention Asks No Racial Discrimination

WASHINGTON (BP)--The District of Columbia Baptist Convention, in annual session, agreed to the reorganization of its work on a program basis, and urged elimination of racial restrictions in its institutions.

The revised organization structure was presented by a special Committee of Fifteen after a study of five years. The plan would set all convention activities in a series of 12 programs, aimed at closer correlation of the work.

The 12 programs are: child care, care for the aged, capital and endowment giving, support for ministers' retirement, convention operations, promotion and public relations, Christian education, local missions and church extension, evangelism and institutional witness, work with college students, work with Woman's Baptist Missionary Organization, and national and international missions.

In urging removal of race restrictions in its institutions, the following statement from the Christian Life Committee report was adopted as the convention position:

"We urge each institution supported by the convention to give urgent and prayerful consideration to any evidences of racial exclusiveness or segregation which may find expression in its program, admission policies, or publicity. As we bear our Christian witness in the Nation's Capital, we urge that steps be taken toward the elimination of all racial restrictions in the programs and institutions of our convention."

The convention asked its executive committee to continue planning for a future headquarters building.

J. Ray Garrett, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, College Park, Md., was elected convention president.

In a resolution on religious liberty the convention upheld the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution as national policy. Another resolution asked the convention churches to study salaries of pastors and staff members in an effort to make them consistent with responsibilities and living costs.

A total budget of \$503,902 was approved for 1965. The D. C. Baptist Convention, dually aligned with the American and Southern Baptist Conventions, divides its undesignated mission gifts equally between the two. It also makes provision for designated mission giving from the churches to each of the national conventions.

From both designated and undesignated gifts from the churches it is estimated that in 1965 the American Baptist Convention will get \$43,321 and the Southern Baptist Convention \$103,321. Other outside mission gifts will get \$25,000.

The 1965 convention will meet Nov. 15-16.

College Pledge Peps  
Maryland Conventioneers

SALISBURY, Md. (BP)--The announcement of an anonymous pledge of \$200,000 to \$250,000 for its proposed junior college, and criticism of Southern Baptist racial policy were two major developments at the 1964 session here of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

In other action, the convention was scene of a United States Air Force citation awarded to the retiring executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

The address of the convention president also touched on relations between the Baptist Convention of Maryland and the neighboring District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Word of the quarter-million dollar anonymous pledge for the projected Maryland Baptist college highlighted a report that cash and pledges for the school now total over \$400,000. A campaign in the churches for \$3 million for the college has been launched.

Criticism of the denomination's racial policy came in the annual convention sermon delivered by G. Bartow Harris, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hagerstown, Md. Harris chided Southern Baptists generally for not exerting a more constructive influence in race relations, especially in the South.

Maj. Gen. Robert P. Taylor of Washington, Chief of U. S. Air Force Chaplains, presented the citation to Courts Redford of Atlanta, who soon retires as head of the Home Mission Board. The citation, also signed by Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, pointed to Redford's "significant and far-reaching contribution to the United States Air Force in his support of the chaplaincy."

The Chaplaincy Commission of the Home Mission Board is liaison between the SBC and its military chaplains. Gen. Taylor, the Air Force Chief of Chaplains, is a Southern Baptist.

Cecil C. Anderson, Silver Spring, Md., re-elected Maryland president, stated his conviction that Baptists in Maryland and in the District of Columbia can get together on mission strategy. The fact that thousands of residents of suburban Washington, D. C., actually live in the state of Maryland has led to the joint decision to study the relationship and future of Baptist work carried on around the capital through the adjoining conventions.

Maryland messengers adopted a 1965 Cooperative Program budget of \$650,000, continuing to be among the top states in the percentage sent to the SBC for work outside the state. This SBC share remains 40 per cent.

It voted to meet in 1965 at Baltimore, Nov. 15-17. Resolutions passed called for better understanding of the principles of religious liberty and for re-commitment to the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution because of its religious liberty provisions.

Convention preacher Harris, a native of Charleston, S. C., told the 860 messengers and visitors from a 12-state area--Maryland to New England--that Southern Baptists' missionary effectiveness in other countries has been damaged by SBC refusal in Atlantic City last May to deal "forthrightly in the spirit of Christ" with the race issue.

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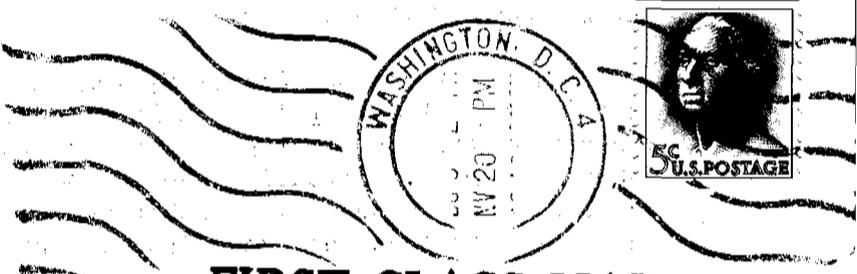
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