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Baylor Negro Professor Takes Integration Calmly

WACO, Tex. (BP)--How does it feel to be the only Negro professor at a predominately white Southern Baptist university with 37 Negroes among 6,500 other students?

Mrs. Vivienne Malone Mayes, now in her second year as mathematics professor at Baylor University here, shrugged off questions about herself and her teaching position.

"The only thing newsworthy about me," she said, "is my color. People are people."

She does not consider herself as having done anything revolutionary in coming to the Southern Baptist school.

Mrs. Mayes lives in her native Waco where her husband, Dr. James J. Mayes, is a dentist. Before coming to Baylor she commuted to Dallas to teach at Bishop College, a Negr Baptist school with 1,300 students.

Baylor was nearer home. When recommended to Baylor for a teaching position, Dean of Instruction George M. Smith invited her to come for an interview.

"We liked her, and hired her just like anyone else," Dean Smith said.

Mrs. Mayes, or Dr. Mayes as the students call her, graduated from Fisk University in Nashville and earned a doctorate at the University of Texas.

She says she does her best to help her students learn and does not pass everybody. "I work the kids hard," she said, "and they respect me for it."

"They have been wonderful," she added. "The faculty has been nice. It's a very pleasant relationship."

Mrs. Mayes is on friendly terms with all her students. When she eats lunch near the campus, white students ask her to join them at their booth.

Two surveys, one conducted by the university and the other by a student service club, gave Mrs. Mayes an outstanding rating as a teacher.

Students approved her as a thorough, interesting and fair teacher, and she was often commended by students participating in the survey for her willingness to help students on an individual basis out of class.

A Baptist, Mrs. Mayes is director of a youth choir at the New Hope Baptist Church (National Baptist) in Waco, and an active member.

Students, Mrs. Mayes says, are the same regardless of their color. Her students say the same thing about professors. As the small and vivacious professor said earlier, "People are people."

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Baptist Girl Preaches
To Episcopal Bishop

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A Baptist girl preached a sermon to an Episcopalian bishop and congregation here after she had heard the bishop's message urging financial support of financial efforts.

Miss Priscilla Cleveland, a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) and an American Baptist from Bagley, Minn., urged members of Christ Church Episcopal here to have the same concern for Nashville's poor that they have for foreign missions.

It all happened with dignity and poise, said the rector (pastor) of the church, John Lane Denson, who added he was pleased with the end result.

Bishop John Van Der Horst had just finished his sermon and the choir had sung the closing song when the attractive VISTA worker stepped in front of the congregation to add her words of concern.

She complimented the bishop's sermon urging the church members to "feed the sheep" and care for the hungry and starving people of India, Liberia and Puerto Rico through support of the church's missions program.

"But you don't have to go that far," Miss Cleveland told the startled congregation.

"There are sections of your own city which I doubt most of you have seen--sections like the one where I've been staying at Tenth and Warren," she said. Newspapers in Nashville have described the area as the worst squalor in the city.

She had just transferred to Nashville from working in a poverty program in Allons, Tenn., feeling that area of East Tennessee was not in as dire need as Nashville. The house where she was living had burned one week earlier.

On her visit to Nashville, she decided to attend the Episcopal church in the downtown area, and asked another VISTA worker, a Baptist, to drop her off there. It was her first visit to the church.

The pastor of the church said at least 15 persons in the congregation spoke favorably to him about the young woman's sincerity and concern.

Someone asked why she interrupted the ritual of the Episcopal church the first time she had been there.

"Because what I said had to be said," she replied. "The church in which I grew up was very foreign missions oriented and it has always disturbed me because they never wanted to do anything for the poor here at home."

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Billy Graham Crusade Set
In San Antonio In 1968

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham has scheduled a four-day evangelistic crusade here June 13-16 of 1968.

Graham will speak at the Alamo Stadium here in conjunction with San Antonio's Hemis-Fair celebration, according to Buckner Fanning, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church here.

Graham last appeared in the Alamo City about ten years ago in a one-night crusade.

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Oklahoma Official Dies
At Convention Session

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OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--The recording secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma for the past 42 years collapsed and died just before the opening convention session here at First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Funeral services for John T. Daniel, 76, of Oklahoma City were scheduled Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Trinity Baptist Church of Oklahoma City where the retired minister had been a member.

Daniel retired from the full-time ministry in 1958 and had been an elected official of the convention longer than any other person in Oklahoma Baptist history.

He began his work as assistant recording secretary in 1925 and became recording secretary in 1932.

Born in Dublin, Tex., Daniel began his ministry in Oklahoma at Tonkawa in 1917. He also was pastor of Baptist churches in Sayre, Okla., and two churches in Oklahoma City--Northwest Baptist Church and Rancho Village Baptist Church.

He was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

Following retirement in 1958, he assumed a public relations post and later the chaplaincy at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City.

He had continued to serve as interim pastor of several Baptist churches in Oklahoma and had been a prominent Bible study teacher.

His death came as a shock to the messengers to the convention. The service was just beginning when he collapsed, and most of the messengers did not know of the apparent heart attack until after Executive Secretary T. B. Lackey made the announcement of his death.

He was active right up until the time of his death.

Several messengers commented that it was rather sad, but that he probably wouldn't have wanted to go any other way than at his post of service.

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NEW CONVENTION'S EXECUTIVE: John P. Baker, director of missions and stewardship for the Colorado Baptist General Convention, has been named the first executive secretary of the newly-established Northern Plains

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NEW CONVENTION'S EXECUTIVE: John P. Baker, director of missions and stewardship for the Colorado Baptist General Convention, has been named the first executive secretary of the newly-established Northern Plains Baptist Convention with offices in Rapid City, S.D. He assumes the position as executive of the 30th Baptist state convention in the SBC effective Jan. 1, 1968. (BP) Photo

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