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127 Ninth Avenue, North — Nashville, Tennessee

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Course work and faculty at American Baptist Theological Seminary and National Baptist Missionary Training School, two Negro schools here, will be merged with the start of the Fall term.

The two schools will have a single administrative head, Victor T. Glass. Glass has been serving as acting president of the seminary.

Property ownership of the two schools will not be changed. Southern Baptists own the seminary property and share its operating costs with the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., a Negro Baptist body.

The Negro convention is exclusive owner and operator of the training school, which has a smaller student body than the seminary.

Merging of faculty and courses will eliminate overlapping curriculum offered by the two schools, according to a spokesman.

The future operation of the seminary is a matter being considered by both participating conventions. J. H. Jackson, Chicago minister who is president of the National convention, has advanced some suggestions affecting future joint operation.

The Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, is currently studying these suggestions and other matters related to operating the school.

The commission has been asked to make a report in December to the semi-annual meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

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ENGLAND PASTOR WANTS TO EXCHANGE PULPITS

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A Baptist minister in England would like to exchange pulpits with a Southern Baptist Convention pastor next summer.

He would like the exchange period to cover three months -- June, July, and August, 1957.

The English minister is pastor of a church in "one of the famous beauty spots of England," as he describes it. He is 34 years old and has been pastor of his present church for six years.

While in America, he wants to preach in the church on a full-time basis. Any Southern Baptist pastor interested in this sort of exchange should write the Baptist Press at 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville, 3, Tenn.

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6000-MILE HONEYMOON
FOR MINISTER; WIFE

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--How about a 6000-mile trip by car from the United States to Alaska for your honeymoon?

That's how the newlywed Jack Turners spent theirs. The couple was married in First Baptist Church here recently by Pastor J. D. Grey.

Immediately after the ceremony, the Turners set out for Anchorage, Alaska, where he will become pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. They expected the trip to take three weeks.

Turner is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary and Mrs. Turner (the former Carolyn Hennesy) of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville.

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.....Mrs. George W. Leavell, 75, retired Southern Baptist missionary to China, died recently in Bristol, Va. Her husband, who survives, was a missionary doctor in Luchow, China.

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.....Jess C. Moody, Southern Baptist evangelist living in Waco, Tex., has accepted pastorate of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky. He assumes pastorate in early fall.

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.....Union Ave. Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., has called Stanley E. Wilkes as pastor. Wilkes, who has been serving as pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., was expected to move to Memphis about July 15.

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.....Clarence E. Younce has accepted a call to pastorate of Southside Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga. He comes from being pastor of Daphne, Ala., Baptist Church.

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