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**Seminary Pays Off Debt  
On Wake Forest Campus**

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has paid off the last \$200,000 of its debt to Wake Forest College. It bought its campus here from the Baptist senior college, which moved to Winston-Salem, N. C.

During the 10-year period--from purchase in 1951 to final payment in 1961--the seminary has grown steadily. Approval for the seminary was given by the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1950. The first class, composed of 80 students, opened in September, 1951 under a faculty of four professors.

The student body now numbers over 700 and there are 30 full-time teachers. "To my knowledge," says Sydnor L. Stealey, Wake Forest, president of the seminary, "This is the fastest-growing seminary in America to this point. This has been due to the wonderful cooperation existing between the Southern Baptist Convention in financial matters and students, faculty and administrators in internal matters."

The seminary shared the campus with Wake Forest College the first five years until Wake Forest moved in May, 1956. During these years, crowded conditions existed. Most of the seminary students had to find living quarters off-campus. Conditions were especially difficult for married students.

"But the students were very patient and understanding," Gordon Funk, business manager at Southeastern, says. "The seminary--offices and classrooms--occupied one floor of the religion building. The library was in the basement."

The library, according to Edwin Osburn, seminary librarian, had from 4000 to 5000 books at that time. The library now consists of 46,000 catalogued items including 11,000 pamphlets.

Despite the crowded conditions, friendly relations existed between college and seminary students. A carryover from this period of harmony and mutual interest is found when the seminary rings its bell following each major Wake Forest football or basketball victory.

"From these humble beginnings, Southeastern has grown into a fully-equipped seminary. Every building has been thoroughly renovated," Stealey said. "The administration building has been completely remodelled to meet the needs of the seminary. The cafeteria and major portion of the library have been built and the interior of the chapel entirely remodeled."

The cost of the campus was \$1.6 million. Included in the purchase was the entire 480 acres owned by Wake Forest College on which 13 major school buildings were located.

Also, the grounds within the old college wall have been landscaped. Shrubs and grass have been planted to beautify the campus.

In the midst of all this physical growth, the spiritual side of seminary life has not been forgotten. "Our main emphasis remains spiritual," Stealey said. "We are ever concerned about the atmosphere of worship on campus, both within the individual and collectively as a united force in our service to the Lord."

Seminary Extension  
Courses In Spanish

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--"We are now offering a seminary extension course in Spanish," the interim director of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department here announced.

G. Ray Worley of Jackson said it resulted from conferences with language missions leaders from across the Southern Baptist Convention. The first syllabus translated into Spanish and offered by the extension department of the seminaries has been prepared.

Miss Helen Jean Hale of Fort Worth, Tex., translated the syllabus for the New Testament course 132 into Spanish, using the Spanish edition of the Commentary of the Whole Bible, by Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown. The course is a survey of the Epistles and Revelation.

The student in correspondence study and the teacher in the extension center is responsible for ordering the text, which may be secured from the Baptist Publishing House, P. O. Box 4255, El Paso, Tex.

Language missions leaders have indicated that there is a great interest in courses offered in Spanish, Worley said. In the spring of 1960, E. J. Combs, Fresno, director of language missions for California helped launch several courses for Spanish-speaking leaders.

Other men, among them missionary Milton S. Leach Jr. of Miami, have indicated a great interest in additional courses to be offered in Spanish.

As facilities, time, and personnel permit, the Seminary Extension Department will be preparing additional courses in Spanish, Worley continued.

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French Baptists Prove  
Their Human Compassion

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By Virginia Harris Hendricks

PIERREFONDS, France (BP)--Henri Vincent, president of the Federation of Baptists in France, presided over the dedication ceremony of the Baptist Old Folks' Home here.

This occasion marked the latest undertaking by the 2000 Baptists in the federation, which already operates a boys' home, five summer youth camps, and many non-self-supporting missions and churches within France, as well as foreign mission work in Africa.

The home, called the Rose Garden, consists of three floors, having a capacity for 20 residents besides the director's family. It contains a chapel which will be used for the local Baptist church.

The village where the property is located is in the historic Forest of Compiègne, 50 miles northeast of Paris. The Baptist encampment and conference grounds are also located near here. An impressive feudal castle dominates the countryside.

Approximately 40 persons attended the dedication ceremony and visited the rooms and gardens which have been remodeled and landscaped by volunteer Baptist labor. There are six elderly residents in the home which was opened in December.

After the ceremony, during which the mayor and several Baptist leaders took part, tea was served by the home's staff.

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In America, this accomplishment would be the equivalent of one Southern Baptist church of 2000 members, all in a comparatively low-income bracket, opening a home for the aged--after already operating an orphanage, dozens of missions, five youth camps, a Baptist Student center, several "home" missionaries, and four foreign missionaries!

These are the current projects of the federation of French Baptists!

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EDITORS: The following story supersedes "2 Baptist Colleges...Tourney" mailed Friday, 3/17/61. We do not anticipate any further revision of it since no Baptist teams remain in competition.--Baptist Press.

2 Baptist Colleges  
Almost Win National

(3-23-61)

By the Baptist Press

Two Baptist colleges came close to winning national titles in basketball tournaments this year.

Georgetown College of Georgetown, Ky., moved to the finals of small college play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament at Kansas City, Mo. There it met defeat from Grambling College of Grambling, La., 95-75.

Wake Forest College of Winston-Salem, N. C., after winning the Atlantic Coast Conference, went to the quarter-finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) before bowing out. St. Joseph's College of Philadelphia beat them at Charlotte, N. C., 96-86.

The Deacons of Wake Forest pulled two upsets on the way, first beating St. Johns University of Jamaica, N. Y., 97-74, then nationally-ranked St. Bonaventure (N. Y.) University, 78-73.

Georgetown, from the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, won four games in the 32-team field at Kansas City before dropping the last game in a battle for best in the country among small colleges.

Western Michigan University of Kalamazoo fell before Georgetown, 88-76. Then in consecutive games, Georgetown licked Redlands (Calif.) University (an American Baptist Convention school), 59-57; Central Oklahoma State of Edmond, Okla., 84-83, and Northern Michigan College of Marquette, 101-67.

That set up the title game with Grambling.

Northern Michigan College earlier had ousted Carson-Newman College (Baptist), Jefferson City, Tenn., 69-60, from the tourney. East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, another entry in the same tournament, downed Steubenville (Ohio) College, 70-68, before dropping a 61-59 encounter to intrastate rival Southwest Texas State College of San Marcos.

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Massachusetts, Vermont  
New Work Established

(3-23-61)

NEW YORK (BP)--The first Southern Baptist church in Massachusetts has been constituted in Springfield and the denomination's first work has been established in Vermont, according to Elmer Sizemore of New York City.

Sizemore, area missionary for Northeastern Baptist Association, said the Champlain Valley Southern Baptist Church in Plattsburgh, N. Y., less than a year old at its constitution in March, sponsors a mission in Burlington, Vt. This is the first work by Southern Baptists in the state.

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Emmanuel Baptist Church, organized in Springfield, Mass. with 120 charter members, already sponsors a mission, Worcester Southern Baptist chapel, in Worcester, Mass.

Both the churches affiliated themselves with the Northeastern Baptist Association and Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Pastor David Perkins of Plattsburgh reports the Champlain Valley Church, started to serve Southern Baptist military families at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, has 105 in Sunday school. The church has purchased a large dwelling in which to hold services.

Emmanuel Baptist has purchased a 1-1/2 acre lot with a building and has begun operation with a \$16,000 budget according to Pastor Owen Sherrill of Springfield.

Southern Baptist work in the New England states is under the auspices of the pioneer missions department of the denomination's Home Mission Board.