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**Portuguese In States
Get First Missionaries**

ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptists have named their first missionaries for work with the more than half million Portuguese-speaking people of the United States.

Ronald and Emily Mathews, both natives of Leesburg, Fla., were appointed by the Convention's Home Mission Board. They are leaving immediately for a year's study of Portuguese in Campinas, Brazil.

"After their language study the Mathews' will serve in California," announced Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the language groups ministries department. "Most of the Portuguese-speaking people are concentrated in this state."

Mathews leaves the pastorate of Crestview Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., for the mission assignment.

"My call to missions started when my mother took me to Woman's Missionary Union meetings," he said. "Mother was very active in mission work, and our home became a summer camp for youth groups each year.

"Missionaries were constant visitors at our house," he added. "I felt the need for Portuguese work after spending six months in Brazil, then I discovered the unmet needs of these in the United States."

Mathews was educated at the Hargrave Military Academy (Baptist) in Chatham, Va.; Stetson University (Baptist) at DeLand, Fla., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

He served as a student summer missionary with the Home Mission Board in 1952, worked in a Good Will Center in Louisville, and has been a pastor in Cottonwood, Ala., and Jacksonville, Fla.

Emily (Pringle) Mathews says the environment of her early life, reading of mission literature, and her husband contributed to her call to mission work.

She was educated at Mars Hill (junior) College (Baptist), Mars Hill, N. C., Bessie Tift College (Baptist) at Forsyth, Ga., and Stetson University. She was a student summer missionary in 1952 also.

Their daughters are Victoria and Carol, ages seven and six.

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**Carson-Newman Shows
Best At Kansas City**

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Carson-Newman College of Jefferson City, Tenn., ran into tall and powerful Grambling of Grambling, La., and dropped a 79-70 decision in the quarterfinals of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tourney here.

The defeat ended any hopes of a Southern Baptist school winning the championship.

Four Southern Baptist schools entered the 32-team meet. Only the ninth-seeded Tennessee school made it by the second round. The Eagles, led by the smallest man on the floor, 5-9 Gil Luttrell, who scored 24 points, put up a fight before the Louisiana team's height wore them down.

High seedings failed to help two Baptist schools. Oklahoma Baptist University of Shawnee, seeded fourth, fell to Central State of Wilberforce, Ohio, 71-70, after blowing a 13-point lead.

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Russell Ellis, of the Oklahoma Baptist Bisons, was the highest scorer in the first round games with 31 points.

Howard Payne College of Brownwood, Tex., picked as No. 5 team, ran into some fellow Baptists who outscored the Texans. Stetson University of DeLand, Fla., won the game 68-66, on a basket in the final four seconds.

Carson-Newman swamped Rider College of Trenton, N. J., 83 to 57, in its opener. Next Carson-Newman came from behind to lick Indiana State of Terre Haute, 70-63.

Stetson had the distinction of losing its next game to the ultimate champion of the small college tourney, Pan-American of Edinburg, Tex., by a 64-41 score. Pan-American downed Western Carolina of Cullowhee, N. C., in the final game.

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Boyce Library Adds
Hymnal Collection

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Five hundred hymn books from the hymnal collection of the late Louisville Baptist layman, E. A. Converse, have been added to the music library of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The hymnals, part of over 700 collected by him for over 25 years, were donated by Mrs. Converse. They were placed in the James P. Boyce seminary library. They come from all denominations; some date as early as 1810.

The collection supplements an earlier hymnal donation made by former Seminary Professor Basil Manly Jr. in 1892, and brings total number of hymnals catalogued in the library to more than 2,500.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Judson College, Alabama Baptist woman's school, will celebrate its 125th anniversary May 3-4. Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be convocation speaker. The new library and dormitory at the Marion, Ala., college will be dedicated then, too. Founded in 1838 by Baptists in Marion, it became a part of the Alabama Baptist State Convention in 1843. (BP)

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EIGHTH TERM--Stirton Oman, Nashville contractor, was elected to his eighth term as president of the agency when the Southern Baptist Foundation (of the Southern Baptist Convention) held its annual meeting for 1963 in Nashville.
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