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Southern Seminary
Enjoying Centennial

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Visitors to the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here in mid-May will find it enjoying its 100th birthday celebration.

About 10,000 out-of-city Baptists will be in Louisville the week of May 18-22 for the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, its auxiliary Woman's Missionary Union, and several special interest group conferences.

In fact, the Convention picked Louisville as its 1959 meeting place in order to help its oldest seminary celebrate the centennial.

The week immediately before the Convention, students will be taking their final examinations. Those who graduate will have their ~~vacca~~Laureate service on Monday, May 18, at 8 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Chapel on campus.

Earlier that day the 250 graduating seniors will rehearse for the exercises in which they will participate, and during the afternoon, they will be the guests of Seminary President and Mrs. Duke K. McCall for a reception at the president's home.

Commencement exercises will be held at Freedom Hall on May 19 as a part of the opening session of the Convention. R. Paul Caudill, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will be commencement speaker, his Convention sermon serving as the commencement address.

The Southern Seminary Alumni Luncheon will be held on the campus, near the James Petigru Boyce Centennial Library, now under construction, at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20.

Box lunches will be available for \$1.75 per box, according to Professor Inman Johnson, alumni secretary. During the alumni meeting the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the new \$1 3/4-million library will be held.

Visitors to the seminary campus will have an opportunity to purchase souvenir plates, post-cards, and other items at the seminary's Student Center.

Expected to create a great deal of interest is the historical display in the foyer and halls of Norton Hall, the administration building. This includes most pictures of the annual graduating classes of Southern Seminary.

Also on display will be pictures of James P. Boyce, Basil Manly Jr., William Williams, and John A. Broadus, members of the first faculty of the seminary.

Summer school will begin at Southern on June 1. It has been indicated that many Southern Baptist pastors will be among those who will enrol for one or both of the one-month sessions.

"We welcome you to Southern Seminary," President McCall said to prospective visitors, "with the prayer that here you will find a blessing which, in turn, will make you a greater blessing in the name of God."

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City's Four Baptist
Churches Pastorless

BARTLESVILLE, Okla.--(BP)--If you want to watch pulpit committees at work, visit Bartlesville's Baptist churches. All four Baptist churches in this city of about 20,000 population are now without pastors.

Wayne R. Britton began the exodus last November when he resigned at Trinity Baptist Church to accept an Albuquerque, N. M., pastorate.

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Roger D. Hebard left First Baptist Church Jan. 31 to become executive vice-president of an Oklahoma City firm that helps churches finance building programs. At about the same time Pastor Joe Ray Land resigned at Highland Park Baptist Church to move to First Church, Shattuck, Okla.

Church pulpit vacancy was complete in March when Johnie R. Stuckey resigned to accept the pastorate at First Baptist Church, Pryor.

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Baptist Actors Present
'Book of Job' Drama

PINEVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--"The Book of Job" will be the second outdoor religious drama in the United States when it opens June 1 at Pine Mountain State Park here. A Baptist college acting group will present the drama.

Adapted for stage by Orlin Corey of Georgetown College (Ky.), the dramatic production is a careful arrangement of the King James Translation. It has been televised and presented at churches in Canada and Great Britain, at the Brussels World Fair, and at the Southern Governors' Conference in Lexington, Ky., last September.

T. Russell Campbell, director of state parks, said the play will be presented in Pine Mountain's Laurel Cove at 8:30 p. m. (EST) Monday through Saturday until July 25. Each performance will last about 75 minutes, he said.

Corey said the play is a choral drama with the actors masked to look like religious personages of centuries ago. The costumes were inspired by mosaics and stained glass in Europe's great cathedrals, he said.

The costumes were created and designed by Mrs. Corey, director of the Georgetown College art department. Actors belong to a Georgetown College drama organization, the "Maskrafters," Kentucky's oldest collegiate dramatics group.

After seeing the presentation at the Governors' Conference, Mrs. Theodore McKeldin, wife of Maryland's governor, exclaimed, "You felt you were in church."

The group, traveling as the Maskrafter Company, went to Europe last summer, the designated official representative of the Southeastern Theatre Conference of the United States.

The production at the Brussels Fair was at the invitation of the International Protestant Organization. The tour to churches in England and Wales was under the auspices of the English Baptist Union. The British Drama League was another sponsor.

Professor Corey said the play attracted the largest audience of the season at the Protestant Pavillion last summer at the Brussels World Fair.

Georgetown College, a liberal arts college sponsored by Baptists of Kentucky since 1829, regards the drama as a cultural medium which can be used for the glory of God.

At various times, this medium has been a part of God's work. The prophets of the Old Testament often "acted out" their prophecies to underline the meaning of God's message to Israel, college officials explained.

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Flying Queens Warn
Pretenders To Throne

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.--(BP)--Dethroned from the championship of the National Women's AAU basketball tournament here last year, the Flying Queens of Wayland Baptist College have served warning on any pretenders to the 1959 throne. The Queens are coming back to St. Joseph to win them all.

The tournament, held each year in this Missouri River city, is scheduled Mar. 30-Apr. 3.

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The Flying Queens, from Plainview, Tex., where the Baptist school is located, had won four straight national titles before they were derailed at the 1958 tournament here. In winning the unprecedented number of national tourneys, the Queens had run up a record of well over 100 straight victories, counting regular season and tourney games.

The 1959 team has won 26 and lost 2, including four regular season victories over Nashville (Tenn.) Business College, which took away their crowns last year.

Only one of the 1959 losses was in AAU play, however, and that was by two points to Iowa Wesleyan College. Iowa Wesleyan upset the Queens in their fourth encounter of the current season; the Queens had won the first three.

Other 1959 loss was to National Selecion of Mexico, a game played under international boys' basketball rules. Wayland has since defeated the Mexican team three times.

The Flying Queens derive their names from the fact that they play like queens and fly to their out-of-town games in airplanes owned by their sponsor, a wealthy Texas plains airplane dealer, Claude Hutcherson of Plainview.

Coach Harley Redin has stressed defense this season, with astounding results. The Wayland girls have held their opponents to only 900 points or an average of 32.1 points per game.

Wayland's average has been 52.6 points per game for a total thus far of 1474 points.

There have been no individual stars this year. Patsy Neal, junior from Elberton, Ga., and Carla Lowry, sophomore from Newton, Miss., are their top scorers with 325 points and 299 points respectively.

Other members of the usual starting team of six are Carolyn Miller, junior from Palestine, Tex.; Katherine Washington, junior from Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Mona Poff, senior 1958 All-American from Elk City, Okla., and Margaret Odom, senior from Loco, Okla.

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All Clergy Coupons
Valid To Louisville

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Clergy certificates of all territories will be good for purchase of railway tickets to Louisville by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The sales dates during which all clergy certificates will be honored for use to the Convention will be May 13-21, railway passenger officials announced.

Normally, a clergyman travelling to Louisville by train from outside the South might need at least two special books of clergy fare certificates, each honored only in certain geographical areas.

Passenger officials customarily waive the territorial limitation during the Convention period to allow clergymen to use whatever certificates they have, without having to acquire books of coupons for another territory.

Use of the coupons entitles clergymen to reduced fares.

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Swiss Chapel Honors
Mrs. George R. Martin

RUSCHLIKON-ZURICH, Switzerland--(BP)--A chapel named in honor of Mrs. George R. Martin of Norfolk, Va., has been dedicated at European Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Mrs. Martin, immediate past president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, and her successor, Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex.,

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were present for the dedication.

H. Cornell Goerner, Richmond, Va., secretary of area missions for Europe for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, brought the dedicatory address.

The chapel was named in honor of Mrs. Martin for her leadership in Baptist missionary activities. She has also been a leader in women's activities in the Baptist World Alliance.

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Tuller Nominated
To American Post

NEW YORK--(BP)--Edwin H. Tuller, New York City, has accepted the nomination of the general council of American Baptist Convention for the position of general secretary, according to an announcement by Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, Convention president.

The general secretary is the top administrator of the American Baptist Convention. At the denomination's annual meeting in Des Moines, Ia., June 4-9, Tuller's name will be presented to the delegates for their vote.

If elected, he will succeed Reuben E. Nelson, New York City, who held the general secretaryship since 1950, when the post was created. Nelson announced in January that he will not stand for re-election when his third three-year term expires in June.

Tuller was nominated, in accordance with the by-laws of the American Baptist Convention, by the general council at its March meeting in Chicago.

Tuller has been general director of the denomination's council on missionary cooperation and associate general secretary of the Convention since June, 1957. He submitted his resignation from these posts Mar. 20, in order to accept the nomination for general secretary.

From 1955-57, Tuller was executive secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

He was assistant pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, from 1939 to 1944. This church is affiliated with both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

The general council of American Baptist Convention is the ad interim administrative body for that Convention. Its nearest counterpart in Southern Baptist life is the Executive Committee of the SBC.

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.....Frank Boggs has resigned as minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., to enter full-time evangelistic work. Boggs said he will leave after Easter and will make his headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., after June. A former soloist with the Baptist Hour, Boggs sung twice on NBC-TV's "Frontiers of Faith" and has been on the British Broadcasting Corporation's TV and radio network several times.

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Would Delete 'Relief'
From Agency's Title

By the Baptist Press

The word "relief" will be dropped from the title of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, if the Convention approves the 22nd recommendation of its special "Survey Committee."

Committee Chairman Douglas M. Branch of Rocky Mount, N. C., said the recommended change in the agency's name was approved by the committee too late to be included in the printed version of the committee report.

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The title of the agency would be Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention after the proposed change.

The Relief and Annuity Board concurs in the recommendation to delete the word "relief," according to R. Alton Reed of Dallas, the board's executive secretary.

The agency has handled a steadily declining number of relief cases as more and more Baptist pastors and denominational workers take coverage under the retirement and annuity programs offered by the board.

The majority of the relief cases arose before the board offered the wide range of plans it has available today, and before the denomination itself began to place a strong emphasis on adequate retirement and annuity protection for ministers and for lay employees of Baptist groups.

"The inclosed material relating to changing the name of the Relief and Annuity Board is too late for inclusion in the printed report of the Study Committee. We took this matter up in the December, 1958 meeting of the committee at the request of the Relief and Annuity Board.

"The committee was favorable to the proposed name change, but felt the Relief and Annuity Board should formally approve it before we took action. That has just recently been done," Branch reported.