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**Flying Queens Champs
Of AAU Basketball**

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.--(BP)--The Flying Queens of Wayland Baptist College won their fifth National Women's AAU basketball tournament in the last six years here by defeating Nashville (Tenn.) Business College in the finals, 43 to 37.

It was a particularly pleasing win for the Queens from Plainview, Tex., because Nashville had defeated them in the tournament semifinals last year. That loss not only ended a chance at five straight tourney championships but broke a 131-game winning streak as well.

Nashville went on to win the 1958 title, Wayland gaining third.

Wayland won the 1959 crown by continuing its mastery of the business college team. It had won four straight regular 1958-59 seasonal games from Nashville. Nashville was favored to win the tournament while Wayland was seeded third.

By winning, Wayland obtained the right to place eight members on the U. S. Pan-American team. It was also announced after the recent tournament here that Wayland would meet a touring team of women from Russia in three games next fall.

They will play the Russians at Madison Square Garden, New York City, Nov. 27; t Denver, Colo., Dec. 9, and at Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.

The Baptist college placed four girls on the 1959 all-tournament team. One, Katherine Washington of Murfreesboro, Tenn., entered the women's AAU basketball hall of fame because it was the fifth time she had been an all-tournament pick. She played at Nashville before enrolling at Wayland.

The others were Patsy Neal of Elberton, Ga.; Carolyn Miller of Palestine, Tex., and Margaret Odom of Dimmitt, Tex.

Misses Washington, Miller, and Neal were three of those chosen to play for the U. S. in the Pan-American basketball games at Chicago, Aug. 27-Sept. 7. Wayland Coach Harley Redin will coach the U. S. team. The others were Carla Lowry, Newton, Miss.; Marsha Scoggin, Collinsville, Tex.; Joyce Kite, Parkville, Mo., Mona Poff, Elk City, Okla., and Evelyn Searles, Arkoma, Okla.

Wayland had a 1958-59 record of 29 wins, two losses before entering the tournament, in which it won five more games. It defeated Little Rock, Ark., 63-28; Des Moines, Ia., 67-24; Amarillo, Tex., 58-35, and Iowa Wesleyan, 40 to 34 on the way to the finals. Iowa Wesleyan had defeated the Queens in the last of their four regular-season encounters.

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**3 State Papers Join
Church Press Group**

NEW YORK CITY--(BP)--Three Southern Baptist state papers were received as new members of Associated Church Press at its 1959 meeting here.

They were the Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock, Ark., edited by Erwin L. McDonald; Baptist Message, Alexandria, La., edited by James F. Cole, and Maryland Baptist, Baltimore, edited by Gainer E. Bryan, Jr.

This brought to 16 the number of Southern Baptist publications in membership.

Other Baptist state papers represented at the recent meeting were Baptist Messenger, Oklahoma City, Okla., by Editor Jack L. Gritz; and Religious Herald, Richmond, Va., by Editor Reuben E. Alley. Grady Sparkman, Alexandria, La., associate editor of the Baptist Message, also attended.

Charles Malik of Lebanon, president of the United Nations, was one of the principal speakers.

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Ohio Building Clinics
Said First Of Kind

COLUMBUS, O.--(BP)--Ohio Baptists have completed a week of building clinics under the direction of George Fletcher, Columbus, director of religious education for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

These clinics are the first of their kind, according to Rowland E. Crowder, Nashville, church architecture consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The clinics are divided into three steps. The first step deals with the plans and building site; second step deals with financing and third step deals with local architect and contractor. A special time is allotted for any pastor and church building committee to have private conferences with any of the personnel in any of the phases.

Fletcher discussed selection of sites and basic plans developed from surveys. Ray E. Roberts, convention executive secretary, Columbus, discussed the convention's assistance. Crowder told of plans and blueprints and B. F. Wilson, Atlanta, about loans available from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. S. Bracewell of Houston presented the Broadway bond plan of financing.

These clinics were scheduled two days each in three different parts of the state, enabling churches and pastors to easily attend.

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Baptist folks & facts . . .

.....Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, Miss., entered his 10th year as executive secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention, on Apr. 1. He was called to the secretaryship from pastorate of First Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Ala., in 1950. He is presently serving also as first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Wake Forest Teacher
To Make Africa Study

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--A Wake Forest College professor here who believes that Christianity and other religions may beat dangerously low ebb in Africa will spend at least eight months in that continent lecturing and observing.

George McLeod Bryan's tour will be financed by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, Danforth Foundation, and the newly-inaugurated leadership exchange program between the United States and South Africa.

Bryan, an associate professor of religion, is one of the few persons who have been chosen for the exchange program.

The Danforth grant is aimed particularly at a study Bryan will make of the place of religion in Africa's newly-created colleges and universities outside the Arabic countries and the Union of South Africa.

"people who have been anti-missionary are now in the ascendancy in the independent countries," Bryan said, "and higher education may develop without a vital religious concern. This means, of course, that the coming leadership in Africa may be without religious background."

He is interested in determining as far as he possibly can the "status of Christianity, the status of the Western world, and the role of communism" in Africa.

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