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NEW SEMINARY GETS ATTRACTIVE  
OFFER FROM WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—(BP)—A new Southern Baptist seminary will be opened here in July, 1951, if a recommendation of a subcommittee of the Convention's Committee on Theological Education is approved by the full Committee and by the Southern Baptist Convention. The subcommittee, charged with responsibility of recommending a site for a new seminary in the eastern area of the Convention, in joint conference with the board of trustees of Wake Forest College, here last week, voted unanimously to recommend Wake Forest College as the site for the new seminary. This recommendation will be made to the full committee at its meeting in Chicago, May 9. If approved, it will be made to the Convention the next day.

The recommendation, signed for the committee by Louie D. Newton, Georgia; J. H. Buchanan, Alabama, and James W. Storer, Oklahoma, provides that the Southern Baptist Convention will pay Wake Forest College \$1,600,000, on or before January 1, 1961, for 469.7 acres of land, on which are located nineteen buildings, used for administrative, academic, athletic, hospital, dining, dormitory, heating, and other purposes -- including the magnificent new chapel and president's home; ten residential buildings; an athletic field; five all-weather tennis courts; a nine-hole golf course; a concrete stadium seating 15,000; and 200 acres of beautifully wooded land. In March this year the property was appraised as being worth \$3,342,107.87.

Wake Forest College, subject to approval of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, agrees to make available temporary facilities for the opening of the new seminary by July 1, 1951, to care for 150 students on the campus or in the community, such facilities to be expanded to care for 300 students in the seminary by July 1, 1953, and to cooperate with the administration of the seminary in securing facilities for twelve faculty families by July 1, 1951.

The North Carolina Convention will meet in special session April 27.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR: The full statement made by the subcommittee of the Committee on Theological Education is attached.

Statement of the Subcommittee of the Committee on Theological Education

The subcommittee of the Committee on Theological Education of the Southern Baptist Convention, charged with the responsibility of recommending a site for the new seminary in the eastern area of the Convention, in joint conference with the executive committee of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College, at Wake Forest, N.C., April 11, 1950, voted unanimously to recommend Wake Forest College as the site for the seminary in the East, this recommendation to be made to the full committee at its meeting in Chicago, Ill., May 9, 1950, and, if approved by the committee, to the Convention.

The recommendation provides that the Southern Baptist Convention will pay Wake Forest College \$1,600,000 for 469.7 acres of land, on which are located at this time nineteen buildings, used for administrative, academic, athletic, hospital, dining, dormitory, heating, and other purposes, including the magnificent new chapel and president's home; also, ten residential buildings; also an athletic field, five all-weather tennis courts, a nine-hole golf course, and a concrete stadium seating 15,000; and approximately 200 acres of beautifully wooded land. The foregoing property was appraised in March, 1950, by a nationally known firm of engineers as being worth at the present time, less full depreciation, \$3,342,-107.87.

The recommendation further provides that the Southern Baptist Convention will pay Wake Forest College \$300,000 on or before January 1, 1952, with the expressed hope of annual payments thereafter of not less than \$300,000, and with the provision that the Convention will pay the entire amount of \$1,600,000 on or before January 1, 1961.

Wake Forest College agrees to make available temporary facilities for the opening of the new seminary by July 1, 1951, to care for 150 students on the campus or in the community, such facilities to be expanded to care for 300 students in the seminary by July 1, 1953; and to cooperate with the administration of the seminary in securing facilities for 12 faculty families by July 1, 1951.

The title to all furnishings and equipment in the buildings, with the exception of such items as Wake Forest College is under legal and moral obligation to move to the new campus in Winston-Salem, N.C., as expressed in Item 4 of the agreement between the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc., and the trustees of Wake Forest College, and approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, November 20, 1946, shall be included in the sale of the property, with the understanding that the disposal of the movable property be under the authority of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College.

The entire property is to be made available to the seminary by July 1, 1956. The expense of operation, maintenance, and insurance coverage will be borne by Wake Forest College until the entire property is made available to the seminary, with the provision that the administration of the seminary and of Wake Forest College shall mutually determine an equitable division of such costs to be charged to the seminary. Wake Forest College assumed the responsibility of furnishing properly certified titles, free of any and all encumbrances, to the seminary.

The above statement is released with the approval of the president and trustees of Wake Forest College, it being understood that the offer of the trustees of Wake Forest College is subject to the approval of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which will meet April 27, 1950.

LOUIE D. NEWTON, Georgia  
J. H. BUCHANAN, Alabama  
JAMES W. STORER, Oklahoma  
For the Committee

KRAFT URGES ATTENDANCE  
AT EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

CHICAGO, Ill.--(BP)—James L. Kraft, chairman of the board, Kraft Foods Company, is writing a personal letter to every Baptist pastor in the Chicago Association urging cooperation in promoting attendance at the evangelistic service, closing night of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 12.

In the letter Mr. Kraft says: "I have been a member of a Baptist church here in our Chicago Association now for forty years. I have tried in every way I can to be helpful in building up our work and supporting our Baptist program. During all those years we have not had an outstanding or significant rally of all our Baptist forces....We have an opportunity for such a meeting now....I believe it will mean much to all of those who call themselves Baptists. I urge you to do everything you can to get the members and friends of your church to come."

A committee charged with promoting attendance at the evangelistic service has secured special stationery announcing the meeting. Tickets, promising attendance, are being signed by local people. Weldon M. Wilson, Chicago pastor, is chairman of the committee.

The meeting will be held in the Chicago Stadium where seating capacity is 25,000, the attendance goal. A choir of a thousand voices will sing. Dr. J. H. Jackson, of the Olivet Baptist Church, and Dr. Robert G. Lee will preach.

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MISSIONARY AIRPLANES CUT  
WEEKS OFF INTERIOR TRIPS

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has purchased two airplanes for use by its missionaries in furthering the work in Northern Brazil, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, said on his return from a two months' trip there. "Planes are doing much to solve our transportation problem in the vast distances of Brazil," Dr. Gill said. "These two are, I hope, a forerunner of a considerable number that we shall eventually acquire."

The interior of Brazil, much of which could formerly be reached only by river boats or mule back, now is being brought nearer to access from the coast by air travel, he said. "A trip to Corrento, where we have a station, used to take three weeks from the coast by river boats, mule back, and railroad. Now we fly it in three hours."

Natives in the interior of Brazil have jumped directly from ox carts to planes. They have had no highways, no trains and so have completely skipped these modes of transportation.

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