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SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY
MAY OPEN SEPTEMBER FIRST

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Dr. S. L. Stealey, newly elected president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has announced that this new institution will probably open September 1 with a faculty of five and a student body of around 100. The opening date will be announced definitely following a meeting of the Southeastern Board of Trustees at Biloxi, Miss., on May 16.

Arrangements for adequate facilities on the campus of Wake Forest College are being worked out with Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president, and his Board of Trustees. Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor at Wake Forest and chaplain of the college, is helping with housing arrangements for faculty members and students and is optimistic over present prospects.

In a statement issued here Dr. Stealey said, "I wish to express deep appreciation of the confidence shown in me and to pledge my best efforts to establishing a seminary of which Southern Baptists may rightly be proud. Every effort will be made to secure a faculty of deep consecration, sound scholarship, and tested teaching ability. The worth of any school is measured better by its faculty than by any other test.

"More than three hundred students have expressed positive interest in attending the new seminary. Of course, not all of these will actually come. In fact, we can hardly care for more than one hundred the first year."

Dr. Stealey also pointed out that even though his acceptance of the presidency of the seminary was for June 1 that he has already spent several days in Wake Forest working on plans for the seminary. His commitments to graduate students in Southern Seminary at Louisville, where he is now professor of church history, make it impossible for him to get fully into the work of Southeastern Seminary before summer.

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DOCTOR'S THESIS
SBC VISUAL AIDS

SHAWNEE, Okla.--(BP)--Wm. A. Lutker, teacher in Oklahoma Baptist University, is completing his doctor's work at the University of Oklahoma with a thesis, "The Status of Audio-Visual Education in the Colleges, Universities and Seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention."

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SUGGESTS 1952 DRIVE
TO READ BIBLE THROUGH

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Baptist Student Union, has suggested a campaign to get all Southern Baptists to read the Bible through in 1952. He believes it to be a good way to help secure all we have gained in the two simultaneous revival crusades. He says, "If only one million of the seven million Southern Baptists should participate, a spiritual impact undoubtedly would result which would defy our wildest expectations. How splendid it would be for the world to know that Southern Baptists, who believe the Book implicitly, had set themselves to this unprecedented venture."

He even suggests today the words "READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 1952." The campaign will not take the place of any Bible reading done in Sunday school, Training Union, or by other groups.

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FORGETS OFFERING

BLUEFIELD, W. Va.--(BP)--Cecil Cook, a local Baptist pastor, got so enthused over the success of the simultaneous revival in his church that he forgot to receive the offering. He says, "I will never live it down, and I dare say the treasurer will never recover."

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TEXAS OILMAN WINS
SIX SOULS IN ONE DAY

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--William Fleming, the millionaire layman president of Texas Baptists, is setting the pace in personal witnessing in the Texas effort to win 250,000 people to Christ.

A seventy-one year old Houston man recently wrote him asking if he could come to Fort Worth to talk to him about becoming a Christian.

"No," replied Fleming, "I will come to see you." He flew from Fort Worth to Houston.

After explaining to the man the way of salvation and securing his committal, together they went to see the man's two sons. They were both won. They then went to see a grandson. He was won. The man then took Fleming to see two of his business associates. They were won, making six for the day. Fleming returned by plane to his home in Fort Worth in the evening.

It was Fleming who challenged Texas Baptists to win the quarter million souls to Christ this year.

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NEW ZEALAND CHURCH
WANTS SUPPLY PASTOR

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP) Who wants to go to New Zealand for three or six months? The Auckland Baptist Tabernacle is seeking such a man. Qualifications: Seminary graduate, age forty or older.

The following inquiry was addressed to Dr. Duke K. McCall from Rev. T. F. Lanyon, secretary of the Baptist Union of New Zealand: "I am writing you on behalf of the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle making inquiries as to the possibility of one of your outstanding men paying a visit to this country and conducting services for three to six months at the Tabernacle. Fares of course would be paid both ways and of course there would be a salary as well...."

If interested write to Duke K. McCall, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee giving such personal information as would be of interest to the committee from the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES
WILL NOT ENTER SOCIAL SECURITY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Employees of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will not enter the United States plan for social security. The decision was reached recently when a formal poll of the ten employees revealed a unanimous opinion that they should not participate. The vote was taken following through on the action of the Executive Committee in December declaring that the terms of social security participation as defined in U. S. Government Bill 6,000 "did not seem to be in violation of the cherished principle of separation of church and state."