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ASHCRAFT ELECTED DEAN AT SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY

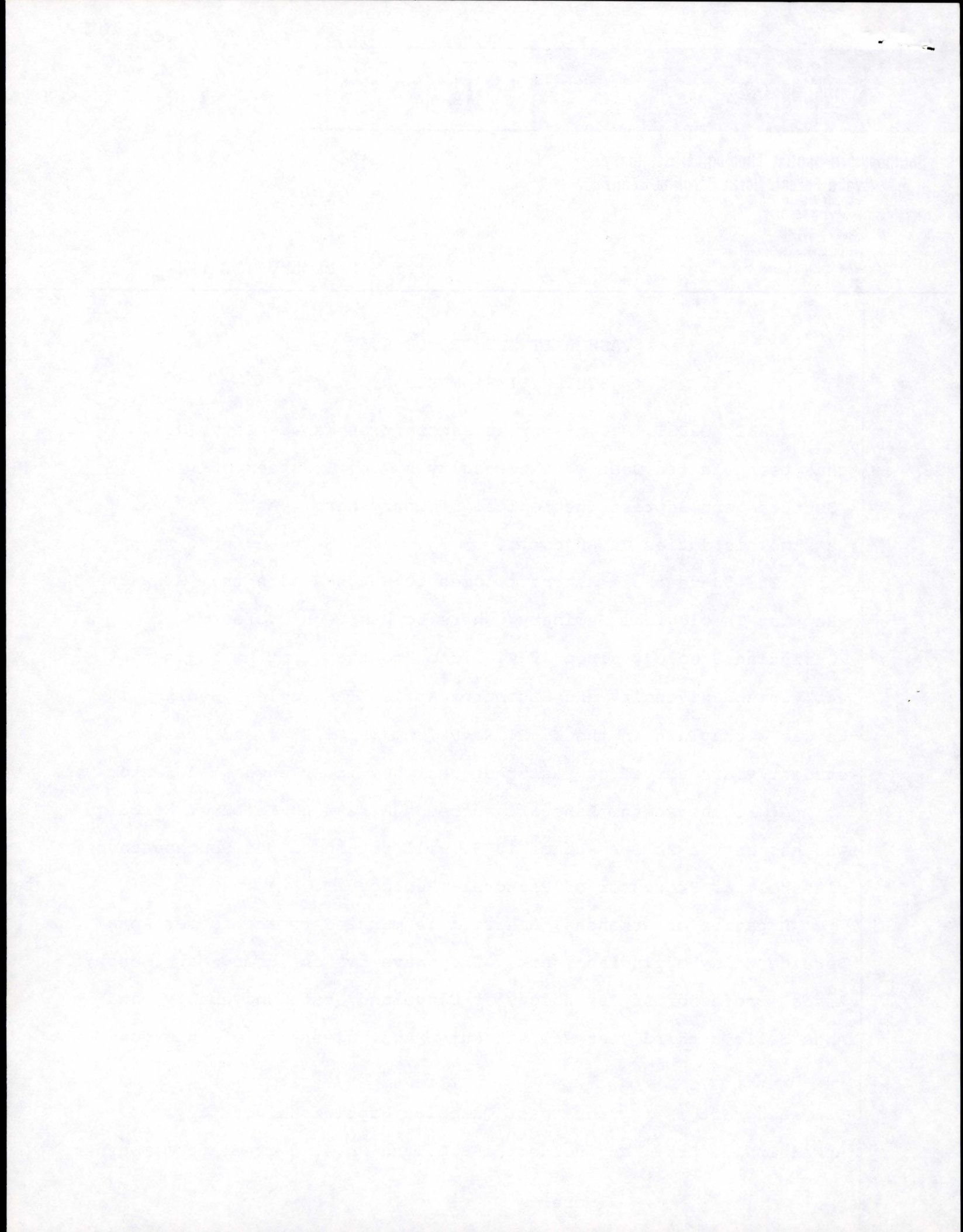
WAKE FOREST, N.C. - Morris Ashcraft of Kansas City, Mo., has been elected Dean of the Faculty by the Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here. Ashcraft will assume his duties on August 1.

The 58-year old Ashcraft comes to Southeastern from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he has been Professor of Christian Theology since 1959. Prior to that time he had taught at Furman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a chaplain in the U. S. Navy from 1951-1954, and during student years served as pastor of churches in Arkansas and Kentucky.

At Southeastern, Ashcraft succeeds Albert L. Meiburg. Meiburg who has served as Dean since 1975, will return to the Southeastern classroom as Professor of Pastoral Theology.

A native of Arkansas, Ashcraft is married to the former Anna Bernice Haley of England, Ark. They have two children, Mark Henry, Assoc. Professor of Psychology at Cleveland State University, and Anna Belle a third year law student at the University of Chicago Law School.

Ashcraft is a graduate of Quachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and holds the B.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern



Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done further study at Union Theological Seminary, the University of Zurich and at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

He was a fellow in the American Schools of Oriental Research, 1958-59 and was awarded a scholarship from the Association of Theological Schools in 1965-68.

Ashcraft is the author or editor of six books, the latest being Medieval Christian Literature, to be published this year. Other works include Revelation in the Broadman Bible Commentary, The Forgiveness of Sins, Rudolf Bultmann, Mission Unlimited, and The Will of God.

"The coming of Morris Ashcraft," Southeastern Seminary President W. Randall Lolley said, "will bring to our campus a person of exceptional background in research, teaching, administration, and involvement in denominational affairs. His service as a pilot during World War II and as a chaplain during the Korean War has made him sensitive to the real world and the needs of people under difficult circumstances."

