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**\$5000 Gill Bequest
Provides Mission Books**

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--A \$5000 endowment to the library at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary from the will of the late Mrs. Everett Gill is one of the several gifts the seminary here has received during the fall semester.

Mrs. Gill and her husband were both missionaries to Europe for many years. Dr. Gill was the first Southern Baptist representative to Europe, serving in that capacity from 1921-39, when he and his wife retired here.

The endowment is to buy mission books in the memory of Dr. Gill, who died in 1958. Southeastern's associate librarian, James D. Sistrunk, estimates the endowment will provide some 65 books annually.

At the first of the school year, the seminary received a donation of more than 1,500 books formerly the property of Thomas Carrick, who graduated from Wake Forest College (Baptist) in 1875 and was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Greensboro and High Point, N. C.

Upon his death, the books were left in the estate. D. B. Carrick, the eldest son and administrator of the will, designated that the books be left to Southeastern after his death.

A third gift was a cash bequest of \$1,000 left the seminary by R. Sterling Graves, a Baptist layman of Yanceyville, N. C.

Southeastern's president, Sydnor L. Stealey, said, "We are deeply grateful to these and other individuals who have remembered Southeastern by their gifts. Future students at Southeastern will be greatly benefited by them. The interest and affection of these people has encouraged and inspired us immeasurably."

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**One-Time President
Of Texas Dies At 89**

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MEMPHIS (BP)--Anson D. Foreman Sr., real estate man and Baptist leader in Tennessee and Texas for almost 50 years, died here Nov. 24 after a long illness. He was 89.

Foreman was father of A. D. Foreman Jr., pastor of Memphis' Temple Baptist Church. The elder Foreman served on the executive board of Tennessee Baptist Convention before moving to Houston in 1910.

As a real estate man, Foreman helped develop Houston from a city of 70,000 in 1910 to 750,000 in 1949, when he retired.

Foreman was president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 1940-42 and a past president of the executive board of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Houston.

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Baptist State Bodies
Discuss Theology Issue

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Discussions on theology are getting almost as much attention nowadays as another durable subject among Southern Baptists--the separation of church and state.

Short of polling 10 million individual Southern Baptists, or 32,500 churches cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention, or 1111 district associations of churches, the best way to feel the Baptist pulse is through its state conventions.

There are 28 of these state conventions or associations, but their work extends into the 50 states of the United States. Most meet in October and November each year.

With the so-called "Elliott controversy" fresh in their minds, messengers to 11 of the state Baptist groups took actions related to a doctrinal position for Baptists or a statement on theological education.

The "Elliott controversy" came to a climax in October when the trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., dismissed Ralph H. Elliott as professor of Old Testament and Hebrew. The question was over Elliott's book, "The Message of Genesis."

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, acting at Shawnee, commended Midwestern trustees for "their faithfulness in carrying out the instructions of the (1962) Southern Baptist Convention."

Along with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan and the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, the Oklahomans asserted their belief in the Bible as "the immutable, eternal and infallible word of God."

On the eastern seaboard, Baptists at Virginia Beach, meeting place of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, asked that charges against dismissed Professor Elliott be made public.

The Virginia action was a substitute move after a Norfolk minister offered a resolution which criticized the SBC Sunday School Board for refusing to publish a second edition of Elliott's book after the first edition sold out.

In adjoining Baptist Convention of Maryland, messengers expressed "confidence and pride in our theological seminaries."

The Arizona Southern Baptist Convention resolved "our belief that the Genesis account is the true and accurate word of God."

The Tennessee Baptist Convention and South Carolina Baptist Convention adopted resolutions similar to one passed at the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention declaring "faith in the historical accuracy and doctrinal integrity of the Bible..."

K. Owen White, Houston minister who presented that resolution to the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention, was elected president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina encouraged Baptists to "manifest an attitude of trust toward our Christian teachers."

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention urged prayer for a committee of state Baptist convention presidents appointed by the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention to restudy the Baptist faith and message.

Garth L. Pybas of Topeka, Kan., a member of that committee, assured the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists the committee would strengthen the statement of faith and message passed by the 1925 Southern Baptist Convention.

Separation of church and state attracted the attention of messengers, too. The Georgia Baptist Convention, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Oklahoma Convention, Mississippi Baptist Convention, and New Mexico convention all tackled the issue of government loans to Baptist colleges and hospitals.

Georgia upheld the right to borrow money from this source without violating the principle of separation of church and state. Observers speculated that the divisiveness of the issue would make it unlikely any more loans would be sought.

Oklahomans received a committee report that federal loans do not constitute a subsidy and therefore are "no legal and technical violation" of the separation principle.

Mississippi Baptists during the next year will "study all facets of government help to our Baptist colleges and hospitals..."

New Mexico convention called for "a united front in rejecting all public tax funds...for all Baptist institutions, whether these be loans or grants."

Kentucky referred for further study the issue of Baptist colleges borrowing from government sources.

The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, the Texas convention, the Virginia association and the District of Columbia body passed resolutions or accepted reports commending the United States Supreme Court ruling on school prayers.

Oklahoma changed its policy of leasing hospitals built by local government agencies. When the first of its six such leases expires in 1976, it will not be renewed.

The Missouri Baptist Convention, noting the convening of the Second Vatican Council, called on Pope John 23rd to "use his great influence to bring to a permanent end all persecutions and discriminations" against evangelicals in countries dominated by the Roman Catholic Church.

Glenn L. Archer of Washington, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), addressed the Colorado Baptist General Convention. He described a "tyrannical provision" in the Vatican's 1953 concordat with Spain which he said news reporters were overlooking in covering the Vatican Council.

Five conventions observed anniversaries. Hawaii Baptist Convention marked its 20th annual meeting. The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio celebrated the 10th anniversary of Executive Secretary Ray E. Roberts' coming to Ohio to cultivate Southern Baptist work there.

It was the 25th anniversary of Harry P. Stagg as executive secretary of New Mexico convention and the 50th year of the convention. M. Chandler Stith passed his 25th year as a pastor and later as executive secretary in Washington, D. C.

The Louisiana Baptist Convention went all out to commemorate its 150th year of Baptist activities. Half Moon Bluff Baptist Church at Franklinton, La., was founded in 1812.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Arizona convention passed resolutions on the "dignity of man." Howard M. Reaves of Mobile, outgoing president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, pleaded with the state's incoming governor to uphold law and order during any racial tensions.

The trustees of Furman University in Greenville took steps to comply with a South Carolina Baptist Convention directive banning social fraternities. The Florida Baptist Convention and Baptist-related (but not owned) Stetson University said they were nearer a settlement of their differences.