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"Largest Gift" Given
Oklahoma Baptist Causes

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OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--The largest gift ever made to Oklahoma Baptist causes by an individual has been contributed in the form of a trust by the late Louise M. Prichard of Oklahoma City, the executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, Augie Henry, has announced.

The gift was designated exclusively for use as ministerial and missionary scholarships to Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla.

Actual amount of the contribution was not announced, but it was believed to be "in the millions." Henry said the total amount "cannot be immediately determined."

Commenting on the significance of the gift, Oklahoma Baptist University President, Grady C. Cothen, said, "This endowment will give OBU one of the best ministerial and missionary student scholarship programs in the country."

He added: "The funds will go directly to students, and will not be used for operating or capital needs."

Cothen said he anticipated that the annual yield on the trust fund will be at least \$100,000 a year, perhaps more. It could be the largest amount available for ministerial scholarships at any single Baptist college, school officials added.

The Baptist Foundation, which serves as trust and endowment agency for the school and other institutions of the state Baptist convention, has received \$192,313 during the past year from the Prichard estate, according to Henry.

A part of the Foundation's receipts this year from the estate were designated to go for building maintenance purposes at First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, where the widow of Oklahoma oilman, L. H. Prichard, was a long-time member. Mrs. Prichard died July 28, 1966.

The influence of H. H. Hobbs, pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church, was a major factor in Mrs. Prichard's decision to leave the bulk of her estate to Baptist causes, according to Henry.

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Baptist and Catholic
Seminarists in Dialogue

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The first of a series of dialogues between students from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Notre Dame (Catholic) Seminary was held on the campus of the Baptist seminary.

Four dialogue sections dealing with related topics met simultaneously, each led by two students representing the two seminaries, and involving the audience in discussion.

Topics discussed were: Marriage and Sex, Marriage or Celibacy, Marriage and Divorce, and Marriage and Birth Control.

"Students from both seminaries gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of each other, learning about the situations and problems which their counterparts face," according to a spokesman for the Baptist seminary.

Other sessions are planned for the near future.

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F. F. Bruce, Others
At Southern Seminary

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Leading theologians and preachers from throughout the United States and England will deliver major lectures during the current school year at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

F. F. Bruce, Rylands professor of Biblical criticism and exegesis at the University of Manchester, England, will deliver the Norton Lectures on science and philosophy and their relation to religion. Bruce will be speaking the week of March 5-8.

On the same days J. P. Allen, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, will deliver the Mullins Lectures on preaching.

Six scholars from various fields will fill the annual roster of lectures sponsored by the Gheens Foundation.

November 28-30, Donald A. McGavran, director of the Institute of Church Growth at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, will address the seminary community as Gheens lecturer in historical studies.

Allan Keith-Lucas, professor of social work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be Gheens lecturer for the school of religious education March 12-13.

The theological division of the seminary will have John MacQuarrie, professor of systematic theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, as its Gheens lecturer April 2-3.

James Muilenburg, visiting professor in Old Testament at The San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California, will be the Gheens lecturer for the seminary's Biblical division. Muilenburg will be on campus April 30-May 3.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board, and Julius Herford, professor of music at Indiana University, have already appeared in the Gheens lecture series in religious education and church music, respectively.

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Honolulu Baptist Pastor
To Join Sunday School Board

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Ernest E. Mosley, pastor of University Avenue Baptist Church of Honolulu, Hawaii, will join the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention Dec. 4 as a church administration consultant.

Howard Foshee, secretary of the board's church administration department, said Mosley will specialize in work with the pastoral ministries.

Mosley, pastor of the Honolulu church since 1963, is a native of Texarkana, Ark. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita Baptist University and received a bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1955.

His service as pastor, assistant pastor and educational director of churches has taken him to Texarkana, Texas; Shreveport, La.; and Kaneohe and Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mosley has served as president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention and chairman of that convention's long-range planning committee. Summer mission work has taken him to Arkansas with that state's Training Union department and to the Bahamas with a team from Southwestern Seminary.

The new board employee served as exchange pastor to Caringbah Baptist Church in Sidney, Australia, in the summer of 1967.

Mosley and his wife, the former Vivian Marie Bachman of Malvern, Ark., have three children.

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Kenneth Chafin Calls
For New Reformation

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NEW YORK (BP)--Kenneth Chafin has called Southern Baptists to a new Reformation.

Preaching in the regular morning worship service of New York's Manhattan Baptist Church.

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the Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, carried out the theme of the service which noted the 450th anniversary of the Reformation.

Before Chafin spoke the choir and congregation, directed by Buryl Red, sang a special arrangement of Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," accompanied on the organ by James Wingate and on the trumpet by David Sapp.

Noting that he did not have 95 theses, Chafin listed four areas of possible reformation in his sermon: church-state relationships, ecumenism, understanding of the Bible, and using the gifts of the Spirit.

As a young seminary student Chafin read Roland Bainton's biography of Martin Luther and wondered how the church could have been so closed to Luther's ideas. "But I think Jesus faced the same problem when He said, 'No one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but new wine is for fresh skins,'" Chafin noted.

Jesus was speaking here to the problems of closed minds and rigid systems. Every person considers himself open-minded until change threatens issues which he holds dear; then reformation becomes difficult.

The Southern Baptist Convention is going to move to a more dynamic view of the relationship of church and state, Chafin predicted. "Some of the most incisive statements on this issue in recent years have come from dedicated administrators of Southern Baptist hospitals and universities.

"Everyone knows that church and state never were and can never be completely separate. For example, churches' properties are tax exempt, and military chaplains' salaries are paid by the government. There will always be some overlapping of the church and the state."

Chafin also forecasted that Southern Baptists will move toward a greater understanding and cooperation with other Christians. "It is sin for Southern Baptists to feel that they are God's franchising agent," he said.

"Other Christians of all denominations are engaged in evangelism and witness. In many places, Southern Baptists are joining hands with others on the local level to make Christ's presence known. The problems of witness in a massive urban culture call us to cooperate with all Christians in a task that is greater than all efforts combined."

If there is to be a reformation in the understanding of the Bible, it must become adult reading. Most people today think of the Bible as a book for children--unrelated to adult problems, Chafin pointed out. He called for open and honest study of the Bible in relation to the problems of race, poverty, and hunger and in light of the disciplines of science and literature. Only in this way can the Bible come alive to the people who most need its message.

"By using the gifts of the Spirit, I mean that we must encourage people to develop and use those talents and abilities which God has given them--not just those which fit into our existing programs and structures," Chafin explained.

"Our denomination has been more concerned with programs than people. We have set up programs which could be used by all 31,000 churches and felt that if people were good Christians they would participate in them.

"If we are going to encourage people to use their gifts, we must give greater latitude to the practice of democracy in our congregations."

Chafin then told of conducting prayer meeting in a Southern church recently. "I asked, 'Is there anyone here to whom God is saying something?' And then I let the people in the congregation speak. I was amazed at how many talents and concerns the people expressed--where the church was not at work in structured programs."

The key to reformation is the establishment of relationships, not ideas, Chafin concluded.

"Ideas and issues tend to become static--as old wineskins. Relationships provide room for growth, flexibility, relevancy, and redemption."