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HEART ATTACK CLAIMS
LIFE OF M. E. DODD

SHREVEPORT, La. --(BP)-- Dr. M. E. Dodd died in Long Beach, California, August 6, following two heart attacks that day. He was 73 years old.

Funeral services were conducted in Shreveport where he had lived since 1912 when he became pastor of the First Baptist Church. He retired from the active pastorate in August 1950.

Dr. Dodd was a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and held honorary degrees from Union and Baylor universities. He was president of Dodd College in Shreveport during its existence.

Ordained to the ministry in 1902, he served pastorates at Fulton, Paducah, and Louisville, Kentucky. He was past president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was a member of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

During his thirty-eight years as pastor at Shreveport, over 13,000 were added to the church, fifteen new churches grew out from the First Church and a gigantic educational building program was completed. Dr. Dodd also wrote ten books and more than forty tracts and other booklets during his ministry.

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ATLANTA PASTORS CONDEMN
BEER SALE IN GROCERIES

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- The Atlanta Baptist Ministers' Conference adopted a resolution recently condemning the sale of beer in grocery stores in Atlanta, singling out one nation-wide food chain in particular, and voted to appeal to their congregations to patronize stores that "refuse to sell beer."

The resolution also appealed to the City of Atlanta to "terminate all licenses now in effect to sell beer in food stores, and refuse all such applications in the future "

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BAPTIST COLLEGE
TEMPORARILY CLOSES

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. --(BP)-- By action of the board of trustees meeting in the First Baptist Church here recently, Missouri Baptist College in Poplar Bluff is suspending instruction temporarily.

The board also requested that the college's 1953 allocation of \$12,000 by the Missouri Baptist General Association be withdrawn.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADER
IN ARIZONA RESIGNS

PHOENIX, Ariz. --(BP)-- Miss Eunice Louise May, young people's secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary to the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, resigned her position recently. She has not announced her plans for the future as yet. Her resignation was effective August 16.

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BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
CELEBRATES FORTIETH YEAR

MEMPHIS, Tenn. --(BP)-- A week of special celebration services beginning July 15 marked the fortieth anniversary of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

The hospital was constituted in 1912 with a 100-bed capacity and now has a 500-bed capacity. With the erection of a new thirteen-story addition for which plans are now near completion, the capacity will be increased to 750.

Frank S. Groner, administrator of the hospital, predicts that more than 25,000 patients will be cared for in the hospital this year.

Celebration features included outstanding guests both in the Southern Baptist Convention and in hospital administration. A thanksgiving service at Bellevue Baptist Church Sunday, July 20, with Dr. Robert G. Lee bringing the message, concluded the week's activities.

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POLIO STRIKES SON
OF EDITOR LOONEY

FRESNO, Calif. --(BP)-- Richard Wills (Dick) Looney, 12-year-old son of Floyd Looney, editor of The California Southern Baptist, is a recent victim of polio. Reports are that the disease has been halted but considerable damage in his left leg will result.

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GLORIETA TO HAVE
OKLAHOMA HALL

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. --(BP)-- The board of directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma announces that Oklahoma Baptists will underwrite \$50,000 for the first unit of Oklahoma Hall on the grounds of Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, according to Dr. T. B. Lackey, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Baptists.

Glorieta Assembly is owned and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board, agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, although individual states are assisting in the construction of buildings.

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MISSOURI PASTOR CONTRACTS
STORY FOR FILM SCRIPT

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. --(BP)-- A Missouri Baptist pastor, Rev. George A. Hammon of the Festus-Crystal City Church, has signed a contract with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, giving them the right to produce a film from his recent story, "Forbid Them Not."

The story of a young girl and her sister who desire to become Christians and to join the church, but are prevented from doing so by worldly-wise parents, the film production is scheduled to begin early in 1953.

Hammon is also author of the original story from which the Broadman film, "Bible on the Table," was made and released in June, 1951. This film has just been given the Christian Youth Cinema Corporation 1951 award as the most outstanding religious motion picture on family worship.

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R. KELLY WHITE IS PRESIDENT
OF BELMONT COLLEGE, NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Dr. R. Kelly White, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida, has been elected president of Belmont College, Nashville, one of three major Tennessee Baptist schools. He is expected to take office October 1.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. White is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. He became pastor of the Belmont Heights Baptist Church in Nashville in 1928, remaining until 1946 when he accepted the West Palm Beach pastorate.

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PRESS ASSISTANT RESIGNS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Miss Carolyn Clouse, Nashville, who for the past year has been employed by the Executive Committee as editorial secretary for the Baptist Press, has resigned to do educational work in the First Baptist Church, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Miss Clouse is a native of Amarillo, Texas, and is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, where she majored in journalism. During the year she has been with the Baptist Press she has written almost every story sent out under that credit line, averaging fifteen stories each week. These stories have been printed around the world.

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