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Retired Baptist Worker,
Mrs. Edith Walker, Dies

CARACAS, Venezuela (BP)--Mrs. Edith McMillan Walker, 63, an employe of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for 34 years, died here Jan. 17 of a massive heart attack.

She had just arrived in Venezuela to begin several months of volunteer work for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Walker chose an early retirement from the Sunday School Board in 1968, having spent 23 years of her service in the church architecture department and 11 years in the Training Union department. She served as a draftsman in the church architecture department until 1967 when she became editorial and information specialist.

Before joining the Sunday School Board in 1934, Mrs. Walker worked for the Executive Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention in Montgomery.

She was a member of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville. (Prepared by BSSB Editor)

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Loyed Simmons Named
To Head New Institute

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EL PASO, Tex. (BP)--A new Baptist school called the International Baptist Bible Institute here has named Loyed R. Simmons former president of Baptist colleges in Arizona and California, as its president.

Simmons, nationally-known in Southern Baptist circles for his strong stand on separation of church and state, is former president of Grand Canyon College in Phoenix, and immediate past president of California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif.

The new institute he will head was described as a regional school for training church and denominational leaders and Christian workers in the Southwest.

The International Baptist Bible Institute, which will meet for classes temporarily in the education buildings of Immanuel Baptist Church here, is owned and operated by a private corporation of Southern Baptist individuals in several Southwestern states.

The corporation is headed by Sam Borsberry, a paving and construction contractor in El Paso. Other officers of the corporation include Virgil Maye, associate pastor of Chaparral Baptist Church, Chaparral, N.M. as secretary; and Dr. Tom Linder, an El Paso dentist, treasurer.

According to a news release from the new institute, there will be no age, racial, national or academic requirements for entrance. Both day and night classes will be provided for both church vocational students and lay church workers. Courses may be taken for credit or by audit.

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Curriculum will include courses in Old and New Testament, and church and denominational work such as preaching, church history, Christian missions, evangelism, church administration, music, religious education, theology, and comparative religions.

A limited number of night classes only is being planned for the spring quarter, beginning in April, with the school opening on a regular basis with both day and night classes in September of 1973.

Plans call for construction of a separate campus for the school on the outskirts of the city, but no target date for the new campus was announced.

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