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MIDDLETON LEAVES ATLANTA
FOR SHREVEPORT PASTORATE

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Atlanta for nine and a half years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dr. Middleton is succeeding Dr. M. E. Dodd who pastored the Shreveport church for thirty-eight years previous to his retirement nineteen months ago.

While in Atlanta, Dr. Middleton led that church in 1,097 additions during his ministry.

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BUCKNER HOME IN DALLAS
CALLS CARNETT AS MANAGER

FT. WORTH, Tex. --(BP)-- Dr. Ellis L. Carnett has resigned as pastor of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth's largest Southern Baptist church, to become president and general manager of Buckner Orphans Home in Dallas.

The new head of the Texas Baptist institution, one of the largest orphanages in the South, will begin his duties as soon as his Ft. Worth congregation relieves him and not later than June 1.

He has served the Travis Avenue Church six years, coming to that position from the Southwestern Baptist Seminary also in Ft. Worth, where he was head of the School of Sacred Music.

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TUCSON CITIZENS
HEAR DAWSON

TUCSON, Ariz. --(BP)-- Baptists and Protestants in Tucson recently heard warnings that separation of church and state in the United States is being threatened dangerously. Speaking to the Community Conference on Church and State was Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.

The one-day conference held its meetings in the First Southern Baptist Church of which Dr. Selwyn Smith is pastor.

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GEORGIA STUDENT WORK
GETS NEW SECRETARY

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- Aubrey L. Hawkins, director of Baptist student activities at the University of Georgia, has been elected secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention's Student Department.

Hawkins will succeed Dr. D. B. Nicholson who retired January 1, after twenty-six years ahead of the convention's ministry to college and university students.

Elected by the convention's executive committee, Hawkins will assume duties in his Atlanta office as soon as his successor at the University in Athens is named.

Before going to the University of Georgia campus in 1949, Hawkins was an associate in the Training Union Department for five years.

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NO BASEBALL GAMES
ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

SPARTENBURG, S. C. --(BP)-- "In consideration of prayer meeting services in our area churches" the Spartanburg Peaches (local baseball team) have scheduled no Wednesday night games for the coming season.

The team will play Wednesday afternoon games instead, announced the president of the Spartanburg Baseball Club, G. Leo Hughes.

"The Peaches made their decision several days ago and discussed it privately with several individuals," Hughes said, "...we feel that no obstacle should be placed in the way of Wednesday evening church services throughout this section."

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PRESIDENT SINGLETON RESIGNS
AS MARY HARDIN BAYLOR HEAD

BELTON, Tex. --(BP)-- Dr. Gordon G. Singleton recently announced his resignation as president of Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton. After fifteen years as the head of Texas Baptists' college for women, Dr. Singleton is resigning to accept a position with another institution.

A native of Georgia, Dr. Singleton was the director of the Division of Information and Statistics of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia for ten years and later served on the faculty of Mercer University.

During his leadership at the Belton school, he has led in raising the endowment of the institution to three times its value when he became president in 1937.

Announcement of his new affiliation will be made soon by the institution to which he is going, Dr. Singleton said.

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