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Hood Elected State Secretary
By Oregon-Washington Baptists

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PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)--Roland P. Hood of Portland, Ore., has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

Hood, director of the convention's division of cooperative missions since 1952, will take over officially the position he has held on an interim basis for the past 15 months.

He was elected to the convention's top administrative position in a special called session of the convention here.

The organization's annual Sunday School Convention was being held at the Trinity Baptist Church, and a special session of the "General" convention was declared to be in session for the purpose of electing an executive secretary-treasurer.

Hood will administrate the total program of the convention, composed of 236 Baptist churches with 22,643 members scattered throughout Oregon, Washington, the border of Northern California, the panhandle of Idaho, and three provinces of Western Canada.

The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington was organized in 1948 with R.E. Milam as executive secretary.

When Milam in 1961 resigned to become secretary of capital needs for the convention, Hood served as acting executive secretary until Fred B. Moseley was elected to fill the position almost a year later.

After Moseley's resignation in 1964 to join the SBC Home Mission Board staff in Atlanta, Hood assumed for the second time the role of "acting executive secretary." Now, after 15 months, he is taking the position officially.

A native of Texas, Hood was elected in 1948 by the California Southern Baptist Convention's executive board as a missionary to Oregon and Washington, serving until 1952 as a general missionary of the Oregon-Washington Convention.

Previously, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Texas City, Tex., for 18 years, 1930-48. He also served earlier as pastor of the First Baptist churches of New Waverly, Elmira, Gelena Park, Alta Loma, and Angleton, all in Texas.

A graduate of Baylor University, (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., Hood received the master of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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Church Secretaries
Conference Staged

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FORT WORTH (BP)--A total of 246 persons registered at the annual Church Secretaries conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Representatives attended from 176 churches from 10 states with some coming from as far away as Georgia and South Carolina. The conference was under the joint sponsorship of the seminary's School of Religious Education and the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Program personnel included Idus V. Owensby, Lucy R. Hoskins and Adelle Carlson, all of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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New Mexico Baptists
Elect Women's Worker

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ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (BP)--Mrs. J. E. Hopkins, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church in Farmington, N. M., has been elected Young Woman's Auxiliary Director for the New Mexico Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

The action was announced by Vanita Baldwin, secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

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CORRECTION: On story mailed Thursday, April 14, headlined: "Brooks Hays Announces As Governor Candidate," please make the following corrections:

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Graph 8: Eliminate the first line completely and make sentence read: "Winthrop Rockefeller has announced as a Republican candidate for governor, but will not face the Democratic candidate until the general election." Rest of graph stands: "Several others may also enter the race, observers say."

Graph 10: Correct age, line one, should be 67. His 68th birthday is in August.

Graph 14: line 3: eliminate the phrase: "on the Republican ticket."

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BASEBALL CATCHER READS ABOUT VOCATION: Mike Brumley, catcher for the Washington Senators, says his real vocation is that of evangelist. His baseball career is only an avocation, according to the 27-year-old Baptist native of Oklahoma. Study of the Bible, his vocational text book, is a big part of his life. (BP Photo)

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Senators' Catcher Says
Job Only "Avocation"

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By Adon Taft

Watching the 1963 World Series on television on a Sunday afternoon led Mike Brumley to change jobs.

Oh, he's still the catcher for the Washington Senators, who signed Mike after he had completed an outstanding record in the minor leagues with Dodger farm clubs.

But "everyone who's been born again, saved by the blood of Christ--his full time vocation is being an evangelist," explains the 27-year-old native of Oklahoma City. "His job is just an avocation."

So three weeks after making his decision to trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, Mike began speaking in churches and finally started preaching for revival campaigns.

The young Baptist athlete has preached in 15 revivals since the end of bas ball season last October, and more than 1,000 persons made decisions for Christ in those meetings.

Mike firmly believes that he is a better baseball player because he is a Christian.

"If you emphasize your vocation, you can't help but be better in your avocation," insists the stocky athlete who made four all-star teams in four leagues in four years. He was named to the major league rookie all-star team in 1964.

He was out nearly half the season last year with a sore arm, but batted .298 after he returned to the line-up in July. "I'm optimistic about this year," he added, while groaning over sore leg muscles from the team's first really long workout.

Mike wants to do real well in baseball because a top athlete's words of faith are listened to by a lot of folks - particularly kids - who may not listen to the same message from someone else.

It was a former baseball player, James McGinlay, who led Brumley to the Lord.

McGinlay was the evangelist for revival services in an Oklahoma City Baptist church where Brumley had made one of his rare appearances at a worship service the Sunday morning of that World Series game.

The evangelist had lunch with him and together they watched the ball game on TV with McGinlay presenting the claims of Christ in the time they found for chatting between the action.

And it was another ballplayer, outfielder Don Demeter of the Detroit Tigers, who got Mike started speaking in church.

About three weeks after his conversion, Mike spotted Demeter at the Exchange Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City where Don was in charge of a youth group. When Demeter heard what had happened to Brumley, the Detroit star asked Mike to give his testimony to the young people.

From that time on, Mike was in demand until another former athlete who is a Methodist minister asked Brumley to pinch-hit for an evangelist who could not make a scheduled revival campaign.

"Before I thought, I said 'yes'," recalled Brumley. "Then I realized I couldn't give my testimony every night, but would have to preach."

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He sweated it briefly, but when 14 people were "saved" during the revival, he felt God was assuring him that this was his calling.

Shortly after that, Brumley preached a three-day, weekend revival in Lubbock, Tex., for McGinlay and there were 156 professions of faith in Christ.

"That clinched it," said Mike, who, when he's in Washington, D. C., during the season, is a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church where R. B. Culbreth, is the pastor.

Mike started playing baseball when he was seven years old and was a star by the time he was a junior in high school.

He went to Oklahoma University on a football scholarship - "I was probably a better fullback than I was a baseball player," he explained - until he signed with the Dodgers.

He had never been interested in church. In fact, he recalled, he was considered quite a "swinger" because he went all out for a good time until he came to know Christ.

Most ball players aren't as wild as he was, Mike feels, "And I don't stand in judgment on my teammates now, but I try to stand as an example for them."

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