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COURTS REDFORD
NEW BOARD HEAD

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Dr. Courts Redford, 54, Atlanta, Ga., was elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Home Mission Board at its semi-annual board meeting today at Ridgecrest, N. C. He succeeds Dr. J. B. Lawrence, who has been executive secretary for twenty-four years and is retiring December 31, 1953.

The forty-five member board from twenty-two Southern and Western states accepted the nomination of Dr. Redford when his name was presented by its ten member committee with Dick Hall, Jr., chairman. Dr. Hall is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

Dr. Redford has been assistant secretary since 1943. He has helped in the general work of the Board with special responsibility for a summer student program, the mission work in Alaska, Panama, Canal Zone, and Cuba.

Born in Calhoun, Mo., his family moved to Oklahoma soon after it became a state, settling on a farm near Granite, later they moved to another farm near Lone Wolf in the adjoining county. He attended rural grade school and graduated from the Lone Wolf High School. He was converted at the age of twelve and felt the call to preach about the time he graduated from high school. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and attended the University of Missouri. He returned to Shawnee, Okla., as educational director of the First Baptist Church and was professor of Bible and religious education at Oklahoma Baptist University. He went from this position to be stewardship and brotherhood director for Missouri Baptists. Three years later, he became president of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and served there thirteen years until he came with the Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta in 1943.

He married Miss Ruth Ford of Oklahoma and they have nine children.

Dr. Redford is the author of several books, some of which are: Spiritual Frontiers and Crusade in Home Missions. He has written a number of denominational tracts and writes for Southern Baptist magazines.

HALL PREDICTS WIDE APPROVAL
OF COURTS REDFORD'S ELECTION

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The election of Dr. Courts Redford as executive secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board is expected to meet wide approval in the Southern Baptist Convention, is the opinion of Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., Decatur, Ga., chairman of the nominating committee that recommended Redford to the Board.

"Those who know Dr. Courts Redford will, I believe, be gratified in his election to the position of executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board," Hall said.

"Dr. Redford is probably the most eminently fitted man for this position among Southern Baptists. His wide experience as pastor, Missouri state worker, and college president, gave him a very broad basic preparation for such leadership. Then, for ten years he has been assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. Probably no one has ever given the time and the study that Dr. Redford has given to analyzing Southern Baptist home mission work and possibilities. He has constantly produced information that has challenged Southern Baptists during these years.

"Quiet and unassuming by nature, genteel, and beautifully Christian in all of his attitudes and completely approachable," Hall continued, "Dr. Redford will be able to continue the outstanding leadership with which the Home Mission Board has been blessed.

"Southern Baptists will bear him up in their prayers, and we will move forward by the grace of God to take the land."

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SPECIAL BAPTIST PRESS CORRECTION

In the article entitled "Rio de Janeiro Youth Conference," dated August 6, 1953, written by Albert McClellan there are five corrections that should be made before publication.

(1). In the second paragraph of the first page, line ~~line~~ 5, the word "formed" should be "fanned."

(2.) In the second paragraph of the second page the words "It adjourned with two convictions apparent. "First" should be omitted.

(3) In the same paragraph, line 8 ninety-two, should be 1,071.

(4) Page 2, paragraph 3, line 1, "can't" would be better changed to "cannot."

(5) Same paragraph, line 4, the word is Australia or Australasia, whichever you prefer.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--J. Marvin Crowe, educational director, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., was elected administrative assistant to James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Sunday School Board. He will assume his duties September 1.

A native of Kentucky, he holds the A.B. degree from William Jewell College, and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Crowe, before going to Abilene, served as educational director of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., as pastor, and Training Union and Sunday school secretary in Illinois and Missouri.

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HAROLD INGRAHAM
RECEIVES DEGREE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Harold E. Ingraham, business manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board since 1943, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Christian Education by Stetson University, Deland, Fla. Mr. Ingraham, a layman, came to the Sunday School Board in 1922 from Jacksonville, Fla., where he was educational director of Main Street Baptist Church.

He served first at the Board as associate and secretary of the Department of Sunday School Administration, and as associate editor and editor of the Sunday School Builder.

A native of Georgia, Mr. Ingraham received his early education there and in Florida. (mat enclosed)

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BAPTIST BRIEFS--

BERKELEY, Calif.--(BP)--Dr. A. L. Aulick, professor emeritus of Golden Gate Seminary, and former pastor of churches in Oklahoma and Texas, died August 5 at Santa Cruz, Calif. He suffered a heart attack prior to the opening of the California Baptist assembly at which he was to speak.

Funeral services were held in Berkeley August 8, and the body was transferred to Waco, Tex., for burial.

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Baptist Briefs--

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Mrs. S. F. Lowe, widow of the former director of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, died August 10 in Atlanta. Funeral services were held at Druid Hills Baptist Church here:

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ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Mrs. S. F. Dowis, wife of Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary of Co-operative Missions, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, passed away August 7 after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services and burial took place in Atlanta:

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Kansas City Baptists are raising \$100,000 in the first phase of a million dollar loan fund campaign to build new churches and missions, according to W. T. Holland, general superintendent in Kansas City.

The total fund is expected to be completed within five to ten years.

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(OUTLINE FOR ENCLOSED MAT)

The Baptist Youth World Conference held recently in Rio de Janeiro, took note of a great honor bestowed upon the Baptists by the Post Office department of the Brazilian government. It acknowledged the publication of a newly released postage stamp selling Cr. \$3.80, the airmail denomination. One and one half million of the stamps were released during the Conference. The stamp is light green in color with Sugar Loaf mountain in the background. In the upper left hand corner is a cross. Across the bottom of the stamp is an announcement of the Conference. In the lower right hand corner is the seal of the Baptist World Alliance, consisting of a four-pronged star with the letter, BWA, and tiny world with two clasped hands, signifying brotherhood. This is the first time that any nation has so honored the Baptists.--Baptist Press.