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*THIS ISSUE has but one purpose—to honor Sam-
uel Courts Redford, the beloved executive secretary
of the Home Mission Board.*

*Courts Redford will retire at the close of 1964
after more than 21 years' service with the Board,
eleven years in his present position. Many of the
statistics of this issue are, of necessity, based on only
20 years, since the final year's figures are not
available.*

*This tribute purposely precedes the election of the
next executive secretary, scheduled for the August
meeting of the Home Mission Board at the
Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. By so timing the
issue, separate and due recognition can be given
both men.*

*The issue falls short of being worthy of the man,
but he leaves his own best tribute in past
accomplishments and in an unparalleled home
missions organization, enlarged and strengthened
for what he has termed, "the most important and
most eventful years" of Christian history.*

—The Editor



The Life of Courts Redford



student

teacher

president

preacher





FOUR-YEAR-OLD COURTS REDFORD STANDS on the family farm in Calhoun, Mo.

I was born about two miles from Calhoun, Mo. on September 4, 1898. My father, a carpenter and farmer by trade, was a native of Kentucky. My mother, a descendant of President Taylor, was born in Missouri. I was the youngest of three children, having a brother 10 years older and a sister eight years older. We moved from Calhoun, when I was five, so I remember only a few incidents which occurred during the time that we lived in Missouri.

My family was not what you would call a religious family. Mother belonged to the Baptist church at Calhoun but the family seldom attended. However, even as a boy of three or four I used to stand on the chair and preach. Mother called me her "preacher boy." I did not speak plainly as a lad, and I was very timid. I developed a sort of fear complex. I was especially afraid of lightning and thunder. Older children used to tease me and tell me they thought it was going to rain. In Missouri when it rained it usually lightened and thundered, and I would often re-

ply, "I hope not anyway." Some of the children began to call me "I-Hope-Not-Anyway."

This fear and timidity increased, and I would often slip away in some corner and hide from the other children for fear they would tease me. My mother called me to her one day and said, "Courts, do you know what your other name is?"

I said, "Yes, Mother, it is Samuel."

She said, "Do you know what Samuel means?"

I said, "No, Mother, what does it mean?"

She put her arm about me and said, "You know your brother and sister are both a good deal older than you. We thought we were not going to have any other children. I asked the Lord to give me another son. He sent you. Your name, Samuel, means 'asked of the Lord.' God gave you to us and he is going to protect you. You are God's boy."

I never got away from that statement of my mother, "You are God's boy." It helped me to overcome my fears and anxieties because I believed the Lord would take care of "his boy."

Soon after Oklahoma was opened to statehood, my family and I moved there. This was the first trip I had ever taken by train. I wanted to go with my father in the freight car along with the furniture and stock we were shipping to Oklahoma, but of course, I was not allowed to travel that way, so I went with mother and the other children by passenger train.

My father bought a claim on 160 acres between Granite and Mangum, on the north fork of Red River. He had gone out prior to our moving and built a half dugout. We were to live in that until he and my brother completed a four-room building, our first house in Oklahoma.

One evening my sister became seriously ill. My father hitched the horses to the wagon and drove about five miles to Granite for a doctor. Sister's condition became more serious. My mother called me to her and said, "Courts, your sister is very sick. I wonder if you would go up to Mr. Larew's and call the doctor. I am afraid your sister might die before your father returns, and besides he does not realize how very sick she is." My mother added, "Courts, your sister's life may depend upon your getting the doctor to hurry. I hope you will go for me." The Marvin Larews were our nearest neighbors and had the community's only telephone.

It was long after dark, and a long quarter of a mile up to Mr. Larew's house. I had often made the trip but I'd never been that far by myself at night. I was afraid of the darkness, but especially afraid of the coyotes in the country at that time. However, when I realized that my sister's life might depend upon my going, I did not hesitate. I ran that quarter of a mile, expecting something to pounce on me at any moment. I constantly built up my courage by remembering mother's statement, first, "you're God's boy, God will take care of you" and second, "Your sister's life may depend upon your going." We called the doctor; he came quickly; and my sister was soon well again.

The Larew schoolhouse was used for Sunday school services and it was where I first attended church with any regularity. In those days it was a common experi-

COURTS REDFORD SEEMED ALWAYS TO LIVE a long distance from school. When in the eighth grade (shown on right), as in the other grades, he would ride his bicycle to school, along with the neighborhood children.

ence to have Sunday school in one of the schoolhouses in the community and we usually used interdenominational literature. I remember we had a picture card with a memory verse on it each Sunday. My sister always saw to it that I learned every memory verse.

Our home was about three miles to the nearest school, and since I had to walk, I did not start to school until I was seven. However, my sister taught me many things at home. I was rather apt in arithmetic and knew the multiplication tables to 15's before I started to school. Since I could not speak plainly, spelling and reading were difficult for me.

When I was nine or 10 years old, my family moved from Granite to Siloam Springs, Ark., where I attended school one year.

From Siloam we moved back to a farm between Granite and Lone Wolf. It was only about two and a half miles from Lone Wolf, and this farm really became my boyhood home. My folks lived there until I finished my first two years of college. We were almost equal distance from three rural schools—the McCullom School, the Law School, and the McIlwain School.

My sister had married rather young and had an unfortunate marriage, for she was soon divorced and living back in our home. She had one daughter who became more like a sister to me than a niece.

My sister taught in the Law School where I attended and in the McIlwain School. She was my teacher. In those days the teacher taught all eight grades. I believe I took 15 subjects when I was in the eighth grade, including domestic science and agriculture. I failed one year and had to stay in grade school an additional year before entering high school. I went to high school in Lone Wolf, which was about two and a half miles away. It seemed that I always had the misfortune of living a long distance from school. However, I enjoyed riding my bicycle and going to and from school with our neighbor children.

I got along fairly well in high school but I was small and couldn't do much in athletics. I couldn't speak plainly and therefore couldn't do much in debating or forensics. I did try out for the debating team, and they let me speak in one or two contests but we never won a debate in which I participated.

My parents tried to provide recreational activities for us. We had a baseball diamond in the pasture, two croquet grounds, and a tennis court. We usually had a party somewhere every Saturday night, with dates for hayrides, picnics, parties, and revival meetings providing much of our social activity.

BEFORE HIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, REDFORD began dreaming of attending some college.

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OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY WAS quite an experience. Redford attended the second year that the university was operating in its new location in Shawnee. In fact, Redford helped set out many of the trees that are on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University. He joined the OBU Band (in the above picture, the first musician on the right, first row,) and played the violin in the OBU Orchestra. These pictures of Redford dressed as an Indian and clown were taken during college drama days.



It was at Lone Wolf that I became a Christian. My uncle and aunt, who lived nearby, had no children, and they thought of us as their own. My parents seldom went to church, and I got started going to church with my uncle and aunt. They drove a team of horses hitched to the buggy. I usually stood on the axle and held to the top as we went to Sunday school and church. There was not room for me in the narrow seat, and only when it was cold or when it was raining would I crowd in between my uncle and aunt. They never missed church, and I was soon attending regularly.

Miss Ella White was my Sunday school teacher. I don't remember much she taught me, but I am certain she laid a foundation for my Christian faith. I do remember how very faithful she was and how kind and gracious she treated her class of Junior boys. The church auditorium was curtained and we had a small space in the back. It was just like a beehive when Sunday school was in progress, and I have often wondered how Miss White put up with the group of wiggly Junior boys.

Years later Miss White moved to Oklahoma City where she attended First Baptist Church. After I became president of Southwest Baptist College I wrote her a love letter of appreciation, telling how much she had meant to me through the years. Her return letter was one of the finest I have ever received. In expressing her

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gratitude for my letter she told me how she was a leader of an Intermediate Training Union and had just about decided to give this work up because she felt sometimes she was failing with these young people. She said after reading my letter she decided she would keep the Training Union and do her best.

My conversion came during a revival meeting while my pastor, J. A. Porter, was doing the preaching. He must have noticed I was interested, because after the sermon, as the invitation was being given, he came back and put his hand on my shoulder. He said, "Courts, wouldn't you like to be a Christian?" I replied, "Yes sir." He said, "Well, won't you give your heart to the Lord right now?" I said, "I'll have to ask Mama and Papa first." You see, I was accustomed to asking mother and father almost everything I did.

My father and mother happened to be at church that night and on the way home I asked them if I might give my heart to the Lord. They seemed glad for me to do so. In fact both of them always encouraged me in my Christian life and activities.

When we reached home I climbed up to my room in the unfinished attic of our country home. There was no ceiling, just the shingles above my head. Part of the attic was floored over with 12-inch boards, and it was there I slept and played and had accumulated the many things that boys accumulate. I climbed in bed that night but couldn't go to sleep. I realized I was lost and needed a Saviour. Finally, I crawled out, knelt beside my bed, and asked the Lord to save me. There came that sense of satisfaction and peace of mind that results from a full surrender to the Lord. I was then 12 and from that time on I became quite active in church. I attended Sunday school, Training Union, and at a very early age became secretary of the Sunday school.

In the meantime we moved to a farm near Edmund, for one or two years. While there we lived just across the street from a rural school. For the first time I did not have far to go to school. We had Sunday school there on Sunday afternoon. There were not a great many who attended—maybe 30 or 40, but during those months we had a scriptural memory contest. My sister spent hours with me during those days teaching me Bible verses. We would tell each Sunday how many we had memorized, and one of the contestants would have to stand up and recite the verses memorized. I have forgotten the number I memorized but I won the prize, and still have the little booklet they gave me as a reward. Of course, the greatest reward was the store of Bible verses I had memorized.

A little while before I finished high school I went to my pastor and asked him if there was a Baptist school in Oklahoma. He said he didn't know but he would try to find out. He later gave me the information that Oklahoma Baptist College had been moved from Blackwell to Shawnee. The last year I was in high school was the first year Oklahoma Baptist University was operated in its new location. He said he thought it was a good school, so I began to dream of attending OBU.

Prior to this I had felt the Lord was calling me to preach and I wanted to go to school and prepare for that

calling. I do not remember any specific occasion when I made a public commitment to preach the gospel. I do remember I went to Deacon McDonald and asked him if he thought the church would license me to preach. He said he would see about it and later they did license me.

When I was at Shawnee I went back to Lone Wolf to hold a revival. During this meeting we had an all-day service and after dinner Brother McDonald called me off to one side and said, "Courts, do you remember when you asked this church to license you to preach?"

I said, "Yes, I'll never forget that." "Well," he said, "we talked a good deal about whether we ought to do it or not. You know you couldn't talk so anybody could understand you. We wondered how in the world you were going to preach when you couldn't talk." Then he smiled as he said, "We finally decided that since nobody could understand you, you wouldn't do any harm anyway, so we went ahead to license you to preach."

I wanted to prepare to preach and realized my need for an education. I talked to my father about my going to college one Sunday morning as we walked around the pasture checking the fence and seeing that everything was in good shape, as was his custom on Sunday morning. Since we went early enough, I got back in time for Sunday school. As we walked along, I told him I would do all I could to work my way through college. He consented for me to go, agreeing to help me with such part of my expenses as I could not earn. My father was trying to pay for the farm and could not see his way clear to finance all my schooling.

My going to college was quite an experience. I had seldom been away from home and I did not know a single person in Shawnee.

F. M. Masters was then president of OBU. His daughter met several of us who were arriving by train and took us to the campus. There was one building on the campus and a frame building, the boys' dormitory, across the street. The other building served as a dormitory for the girls, dining room for all of us, and as library, administrative offices, and classrooms.

Space does not permit telling all of the interesting experiences that occurred during those college days. I was a regular attendant at the First Baptist Church in Shawnee, except when I went somewhere to preach. I preached every time I got an opportunity, which was not too often. I walked as far as 25 miles on several occasions to have the privilege of preaching. I was quite active in our general Christian association on the campus and in other religious organizations at the college. Among my classmates were John Caylor, Syd Stealey, Fred McCaulley, and Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby.

My first job was washing dishes in the dining hall. Later I worked on the campus and helped to set out many of the trees that are now on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University. I swept floors; I worked on Saturdays at one of the clothing stores. Altogether I earned a very large part of my expenses, but my father always made up what I lacked.

Two of the greatest teachers I have ever known were among my professors. They were J. W. Jent and W. D. Moorer. They were both very well trained and I believe

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WHILE ATTENDING OBU, REDFORD MET Ruth Ford. Later, she received her diploma from OBU in the morning and married Courts Redford in the afternoon. That same year Redford graduated from Missouri University with a master's degree.

Dr. Moorer was the greatest teacher I have ever known. Several years later I succeeded him as teacher of religion and Bible education in OBU. I had the good fortune of purchasing his library upon his death and thus came into possession of a number of prize books which have been very helpful to me through the years.

Dr. Jent had come to OBU from a pastorate at Henrietta, Tex. The second year I was in OBU there came from Henrietta one of the girls who had belonged to his church. Her name was Ruth Ford and she later became my wife. Dr. Jent was almost like a father to her. Her father passed away when she was a small girl and, though she had a very fine stepfather, she needed the love and friendship of a great Christian man such as Dr. Jent. She lived in the dormitory, but Dr. Jent's home was almost like her home.

I had a very wonderful Sunday school teacher when I was in college, J. H. Fisher, president of the First National Bank of Shawnee. He had a great influence on my life. He was a wonderful soul-winner. In one year he won 27 people to the Lord in his banking house.

I went to a picture show on Sunday one time in my life. Mr. Fisher saw me coming out of the show and he talked to me in a very kindly way about my going on Sunday. His kindly attitude, his assurance that he expected something fine of me, helped to overcome any temptation I may have had later to attend a Sunday picture show.

I worked in the library most of the time I was at OBU. This experience has proved very valuable to me through the years. I also became quite active in student activities, serving as president of the general Christian association and as president of the student body. I was in OBU during World War I. We had a military unit on the campus, and I was a sergeant. It was not really a part of the army, just a training corps. I took my physical examination and was turned down, but upon a second examination was accepted. I was to be inducted into the military service just a week after the war ended. Of course, when peace came they did not induct any of us.

I graduated from OBU in 1920 with the largest number of honor points received by any student. My grades were not quite as high as those of a few other graduates but I had carried extra courses and each earned honor points. Therefore, my total number of hours were greater than those of most graduates and that accounted for the fact that my total honor points were greater.

I worked in Sunday school extension one summer, and I worked as a student evangelist supported by the state mission board another summer. Following my graduation I made a survey for the Sunday School Department of Oklahoma, going to practically every school district in Tillman and Atoka Counties. Tillman was one of the best and Atoka, one of the worst. I wrote a report for the Sunday School Department which they used to plan their future programs. I also used this material for my master's thesis in the University of Missouri the following year. I was 21 years of age when

I finished college in 1920, and I planned to teach or do religious educational work or perhaps serve in the field of rural church work. Upon recommendation of Dr. Jent, my major professor, I decided to attend Missouri University to have some work under Charles A. Elwood, the noted sociologist.

My faith was really tested when I went to the university. Before going, my father had explained he could not help me further with my education. He had helped me far more than he had the other two children, and I realized he was not in a financial position to give me further assistance. I had only \$50 or \$60 when I went to Columbia. After buying my books, paying for one month's room rent, I had about \$20 left—\$20 to put me through a year of schooling.

I joined the First Baptist Church the first Sunday I was there. They gave each person who joined a pledge card. Could I make a pledge when I had no money and no income? I recall that self-respect indicated I ought to make some pledge, perhaps 25 cents a week, but faith urged me to do more. I resolved I would give at least a dollar a week as long as I had any money at all.

I talked with my pastor about my situation and my desire to get a job. I also talked to the librarian at the university, who happened to be a Baptist, and told him of my experience at OBU. The first two weeks passed and the very small amount of money I had on hand had just about vanished. The pastor called one day and told me the church had been trying to get a Mr. Black from Kentucky to serve as student pastor but he had declined. The pastor had noted I joined the church the first Sunday and I had been quite active in church services. He wondered if I would be willing to serve on a part-time basis as student pastor during the time I was in the university. He thought they would pay \$75 a month for part-time service. That looked like a gold mine to me. I didn't want to be overly anxious about it, and I told him I would be very glad to consider it. Thus I became student pastor.

As student pastor I worked among the students of Missouri University, Stephens College, Christian College, and a number of the business colleges in Columbia. I also was employed part time in the library, and I graded papers for my major professor. All in all I got along very well and came out of the university with more money than when I entered.

More important, I came out with a great deal of experience. For the first time I'd come in contact with teachers who were atheists and others who were liberal in Bible interpretation. I became a counselor for scores of young people whose faith was being shattered by liberal theology. I've always been grateful for this experience.

After getting my master's degree in Missouri University in 1921, I went back to Shawnee as assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church. J. B. Lawrence had become pastor after I had left Shawnee. I did not know Dr. Lawrence at the time, but Dr. Jent, Dr. Moorer, and other friends had suggested my name. We had our graduating exercises at Missouri University two weeks or so before graduation exercises in Oklahoma Baptist

University. Ruth Ford was being graduated from OBU that year. She got her diploma one morning and we were married that afternoon. Dr. Jent performed the wedding ceremony and Dr. Lawrence assisted.

The First Baptist Church in Shawnee was then one of the best organized and one of the most active churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Sunday school was one of the first two to reach what was then called the AA-1 Standard. Every department was standard. We had a waiting list of teachers who were thoroughly prepared for every place of service. Dr. Moorer was educational adviser for the whole staff. He had been Sunday school secretary in Oklahoma and had made a thorough study of a unified program of church administration and church life. The church council met every Sunday evening just prior to the Training Union. I learned more from my participation in the educational program of the First Baptist Church of Shawnee than I learned anywhere else.

The church building would not accommodate the crowds and to alleviate the situation we planned a junior congregation. The Juniors and Intermediates attended a service on Sunday morning at the same hour Dr. Lawrence was preaching to grown people. We put out our own bulletin, had our own choir, ushers, and a very orderly program. I tried to preach in a way that would appeal to these young people. We not only had this junior service, but we had a junior prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Robert Naylor, now president of Southwestern Seminary, was in these services; so was John Joseph "Redtop" Owens, now a teacher in Southern Seminary. Recently we counted at least seven educa-

IN 1930 REDFORD WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT of Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar, Mo., where he served for 13 years. "In many ways those were the happiest years of my ministry. Never have I had more loyal friends than I had among the faculty members, the trustees, and the students," said Redford. He is pictured with the school quartet.



tional directors that were in these services. I was serving as educational director for the church and as pastor of this junior service.

I had served in this capacity for two years, when Dr. Moor, professor of Bible at Oklahoma Baptist University, became seriously ill. He asked me to teach some of his classes the last semester. Some months earlier Dr. Lawrence had become president of Oklahoma Baptist University as well as pastor of First Baptist Church, and he readily gave his consent for me to teach. Dr. Moor died shortly before the end of that school term in 1923. Upon Dr. Lawrence's recommendation the trustees elected me as Dr. Moor's successor to teach Bible and religious education.

My sister had been teaching during the winter and going to school some in the summer. While I was teaching in Oklahoma Baptist University, I had the privilege of having her in my class. I really got even with her for all the hard work she gave me when I was in the seventh grade.

Most of the three years I taught I continued with my junior congregation at the church, and part of the time I served as educational director. Had it not been for the kind consideration of my students and the help of my friends I would have made a miserable failure. However, the Lord was good to us and I learned far more than the students.

I had long wanted to go to the seminary. In fact it was understood I would complete my training in the seminary when I became a professor. I had written to J. M. Price, head of the religious education school of Southwestern Seminary, expressing my desire to work on a degree. Dr. Price and I had been in a training school in Muskogee together. While there I told him something of the work that I was doing for the juniors at the First Baptist Church. He became very interested in my work and at his request I wrote a series of articles for the *Southwestern Evangel*.

About this time Forbes Yarborough was completing his work in Southwestern Seminary, and Dr. Price suggested I attend the seminary and teach some of the classes which Dr. Yarborough had been teaching as a student teacher. Dr. Yarborough would fill in at Oklahoma Baptist University while I took a leave of absence. The trustees at OBU gave me a two-year leave of absence. I was to continue to receive my salary and then pay Dr. Yarborough for his services at OBU. I would also teach some of the classes he had been teaching in the seminary, and I would teach some other classes which Dr. Price had wanted to inaugurate. Thus with a wife and two children I went to Fort Worth to enter the seminary.

Incidentally, I had done field work for OBU during the previous three summers and did some work on the field during the summers I was in the seminary. There is hardly a town in Oklahoma I have not visited in student solicitation. I greatly enjoyed my work as a student and as a student teacher at Fort Worth. I taught some classes in religious education to the diploma students and also taught a class in plays and games, a class in handwork, and taught the first class in religious dramatics at Southwestern. I was given some credit for the

teaching I had done in OBU and also for some of the courses I took in Missouri University, so that I was able to complete my resident requirement for my doctor's degree in two years and two summers. I took my final examinations but had not at the time completed my thesis.

In the meantime Dr. Lawrence had become state secretary of the Missouri Baptist General Association. Shortly before I was to graduate from Southwestern Seminary, he came to Fort Worth and asked me to become stewardship and Brotherhood secretary of Missouri. This was a new field for me and I didn't know whether I could do it or not. However, Dr. Yarborough had become very well adjusted to teaching in OBU and I finally decided the Lord was calling me to work in Missouri. Therefore, upon leaving Southwestern Seminary I went to Missouri to become head of the new department of stewardship and Brotherhood. One thing I disliked about the work was the fact that I had to be away from home so much of the time. I now had four children. Fortunately, we were able to find a place just around the corner from the Baptist church and not far from school. Mrs. Redford has been a brave soul and a wonderful companion through all these years. She has kept the home fires burning.

I guess my full surrender to God's will had come while I was in Missouri University. Missionaries from all over the world had come to a missions conference, and they told of the needs, opportunities, and experiences on their respective fields. I was seeking to know God's will for my life. I recall so well as a speaker from Africa spoke, I said, "Lord, I wish I could plant my life in Africa." As the missionary from India spoke, I said, "Lord, I'd like to go." So it was, as speaker after speaker spoke.

The service ended and I started on my way to my room. As I walked along I said, "Lord, I wish I had 20 lives so that I could plant one in Africa, one in India, one here and one there." Then it seemed God's Spirit came to walk beside me, and he said, "My boy, you don't have 20 lives but you do have one life. What are you going to do with the one life that you do have?" I went to my room and closed the door and there I knelt and said, "Oh, Lord, take this one life I have with all of its faults and failures and limitations. But Lord, take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee." I have never gotten away from that call. Time and time again I repeat that prayer of dedication. I'm very conscious of my limitations and of my needs, and truly by the grace of God I am what I am.

After I had served two years as stewardship and Brotherhood worker in Missouri, Dr. Lawrence left the state to accept the call as executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board. It was several months before Edgar Godbold became executive secretary of Missouri Baptists. During the interim period I served as executive secretary. I thoroughly enjoyed my fellowship with Dr. Godbold. He was one of the greatest Christians I have known. It was not long, however, before J. W. Jent, who had been president of Southwest Baptist College for two years, resigned and recommended

to the board that I be elected his successor. The board followed that suggestion, and I was elected president in 1930.

The school was very deeply in debt, and we were just entering the depression period, so it was really very difficult for me to leave a place which seemed to provide security for myself and my family and go to a place of uncertainty. I felt, however, the Lord was calling me to Southwest Baptist College. I continued as president for 13 years. Those years at the college were hard but they were happy years. In many ways those were the happiest years of my ministry. Never have I had more loyal friends than I had among the faculty members, the trustees, and the students. We had some wonderful Christian teachers and the school was characterized by an excellent Christian spirit. Today graduates are scattered all over the world. Those were testing times. Time and time again the Lord provided in almost miraculous ways the resources we had to have to carry on. Because of the support given by Missouri Baptists and the friends of the institution we were able to pay all indebtedness and to obtain some additional properties before I left.

The school was accredited by Missouri University. They sent a committee from the University each year to investigate our program and equipment. Those who came from Missouri University examined the school and advised us as to ways and means of improving our program within our limited financial resources. They had a sympathetic understanding of what we were trying to do and went the second mile in trying to help us to attain accreditation. One professor said, "I would give most anything if I could have my boy here in Southwest Baptist College. You are doing the type of thing that needs to be done in our schools throughout

the land. You are building Christian character and preparing a leadership that will make America great."

One day I received a supply of tracts and a number of books on home missions from Dr. Lawrence. I wondered at the time why he was sending those tracts and books, but since I was connected with the college I just assumed he wanted them placed in the library and wanted me to have some interest in getting our students to assume a larger responsibility for home missions. It wasn't long, however, until he came to have a conference with me. He invited me to come to Atlanta as his assistant. He explained that the debt would soon be paid and that he was planning an enlargement of the program of home missions. He expected to reactivate the evangelism division, start a program of city missions, and he was especially anxious that I come and help start a program of rural missions. I would also take the position of superintendent of the Direct Missions Department. This included practically all of the work with the language groups and the work in Cuba and Panama.

Again it seemed Southwest Baptist College had just reached that place when she could enjoy a period of real growth and prosperity. I had many friends in Missouri. My family was established there. It was not an easy decision. But after prayer and after Ruth and I had talked together, we decided to resign at Southwest Baptist College and come to the Home Mission Board. This we did in the summer of 1943.

A RARE FAMILY GATHERING OF THE NINE REDFORD children and their families with Dr. and Mrs. Redford made possible this picture in 1959.



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What are the outstanding accomplishments in home missions during the past 20 years? For an answer to this question Home Missions magazine went to those who have worked with Dr. Courts Redford during these years: other agency executives, members of the Home Mission Board, the directors of the divisions, and two former staff members. Some of these have also provided intimate, personal glimpses into his relationships with them. Though this does not provide a chronicle of the events which have taken place in two decades of home missions—that is left for the perspective of history—it does give you an evaluation of that history by those who have lived it.

—The Editor

Courts Redford—Missions Leader

I love Dr. Redford's human touch the way he responds to sincere efforts of others. He told in our executive board meeting about the little boy who after hearing how much it cost to carry on the work of the Home Board, set out to make enough paper money to "hold the line" for a time. Dr. Redford moved my heart as he told of the child's letter asking that his money be used as far as it would go. To him this was not a humorous incident but a glimpse into the sincere heart of a boy.

Dr. Redford's thoughtfulness always amazes me. I know of no person whose position carries the weight of responsibility he does, who writes as many personal notes as he on his distinctive paper under the familiar "A Friendly Word" in his own beautiful handwriting. Always I recall the date and wonder how he could possibly have written it so quickly. For example, I received one which began, "It was a delight to attend the first two conventions of Girls' Auxiliary. . . ." This was on my desk before I returned from the third convention.

That note reminds me of his attending those two GA conventions. Session after session during one of the conventions he sat in the aisle seat on the second row beside his GA granddaughter. I was impressed that a busy man so planned his life that he could share this experience with a grandchild.

I have the deepest respect for Dr. Redford's integrity. He never dodges an issue. With absolute honesty he comes to grips with problems. On one occasion I sent copies of something I had written to him and a number of other people asking for his evaluation and help. He did not send back the usual "It's fine." Instead he commended what he considered acceptable and he offered help on the parts he thought should be rewritten. He could not have handled more carefully his own writing than he did mine. That's going the second mile!

I have found Dr. Redford never too busy or too tired to discuss matters of concern to me. He is above giving superficial consideration to problems which call for studied thought.

Through his dedication he has conquered human selfishness to a remarkable degree. Both attributes I saw in the appeal he wrote at the request of WMU to presidents of local Woman's Missionary Unions before this year's Week of Prayer: "As I come to this last year of my service with the Home Mission Board I ask without apology a special favor of you in behalf of my Lord—do your best to make the Week of Prayer for Home Missions all that it should be in your church."

Miss Alma Hunt, WMU Executive Secretary
Birmingham, Ala.

The imperative nature of our mission task, wherever it is found, has been demonstrated throughout these years to be a very deep conviction of Courts Redford. He has been as zealous for sending the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth as in extending it to the places nearby. He has recognized that what we do at home must fruit in an outreach around the world.

He has also recognized that a worldwide outreach is dependent upon a strong home base.

Never in the history of the two mission boards has there been a warmer, more cordial and fraternal relationship than during these 10 years of Dr. Redford's leadership.

This spirit of cordiality was demonstrated in a visit which he made with Dr. Frank K. Means and me to Puerto Rico when we were considering what might be done with regard to mission work in that island. The studies resulted in the recommendation that whatever responsibility should be assumed would best be done by the Home Mission Board inasmuch as Puerto Rico is closely related to our country and may conceivably at one day become a state in the Union.

In all the contacts with Dr. Redford it has been evident that his concern is for the whole wide world and the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. For this spirit, all of us are grateful.

Baker J. Cauthen, Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.





REDFORD'S FIRST STAFF INCLUDED 22 MEN, 13 OF whom are pictured here in 1954, with Redford and his office secretary. Redford had made the tenth man on J. B. Lawrence's staff in 1943. Now the staff includes 49, and one of the accomplishments most often mentioned has been the reorganization of the work into its present divisions of evangelism, chaplaincy, church loans, missions, education and promotion, and administration.*

"The Good News Hour," a home mission radio program was turned over to the Radio-TV Commission by Dr. Redford as one of his first acts as executive secretary. This was paid time, and we simply shifted the time to the Baptist Hour since the programs were of the same length. A number of these stations continued to carry the Baptist Hour after the commercial time ran out.

Dr. Redford and I worked closely to coordinate radio broadcasts for the Armed Forces Network, using contacts made through the Chaplains Commission.

When "The Answer" began on television in 1956, one of the first opportunities the commission had to extend the ministry of the program was to make available the films to chaplains in various penal institutions. Dr. Redford was always vitally interested in any witness to reach more people for Christ.

It was with his sanction that the Evangelism Division in Dallas first worked hand in hand with the Radio-TV Commission to use Televangelism as a project. It was first used in 1959 with the simultaneous revival crusades then being conducted all over the nation. Ultimately, the plan was incorporated as an integral part of the Evangelism Division planbook for state and associational efforts in evangelism. Commission representatives were asked for several years to appear before the associational evangelism chairmen meeting at Ridgecrest and Glorieta to discuss Televangelism and its effects and potential.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of Dr. Redford

was his eager willingness to work with any agency in a cooperative witness. His desire to see more churches established throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory will be recalled throughout the history of our denomination.

Paul M. Stevens, Executive Secretary
Radio and Television Commission
Fort Worth, Tex.

Great numbers of our men have assisted our missionaries in the pioneer areas because of the efforts of Dr. Redford in working with the Brotherhood Commission. Years ago, Dr. Redford saw the need of assisting these brethren in every possible way, and in our discussions it was agreed that we would do all that we could to involve our men in giving assistance to the missionaries in the pioneer areas, and, in turn, the missionaries' work could be expanded and strengthened. His vision in this area was outstanding and all of our joint efforts in this particular field were consummated in the West Coast Laymen's Crusade in July of this year. This is the type of vision Dr. Redford had in this particular area many years ago.

Perhaps one of the strongest abilities possessed by Dr. Redford was his sense of firmness and fairness in matters which related to his faith. During the past years, I have seen him many times in meetings of Convention leadership stand and speak firmly, yet with a deep sense of Christian love for those things which he knew to be right and good in the sight of our Lord. All of us who labored with him as Convention-wide leaders know something of his deep convictions and willingness to stand by them at all times.

The third characteristic about Dr. Redford is to be seen in his understanding of "the other fellow's needs." Many times during the years past I have seen him in important meetings speak fervently and with feeling on behalf of the work of a sister agency. In so speaking, he was simply sharing with those who heard him the truth that he was conscious of the needs of the other agencies and was willing to do all that he could to see that those needs were met. This characteristic in itself bespeaks something of the magnanimous spirit of this fine Christian leader.

George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary
Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

As Dr. Redford reaches the climax of his career with the Home Mission Board, he is coping with some of the most troublesome and perplexing problems in its history. Certainly in the past there have been difficulties to overcome. But today as the Home Mission Board, along with the other Convention agencies, grapples with problems of program definition, the answers that are found can be tremendously meaningful in terms of growth in depth and in breadth for our denomination.

I would put high on the list of achievements the improvements in the organization structure of the Board under Dr. Redford's leadership, as well as the establishment and growth of the hospital, institutional, and industrial chaplaincy programs. The progress in literacy work merits recognition for its accomplishments and for its significant potential.

James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

What has been accomplished in new areas in the last few years is almost unbelievable, but it was because he knew how to choose his associates well, and he had a challenging program of mission work which the Lord has blessed under his leadership.

The Home Mission Board for the last 10 years under the leadership of Dr. Redford has gone forward in a magnificent way. Having served with Dr. J. B. Lawrence for 10 years as associate secretary, Dr. Redford understood well the program of the mission work to be done in our homeland. Not only did he continue to carry out in a fine way the work that had been started by Dr. Lawrence, but he added a stepped-up and enlarged program of missions.

R. Alton Reed, Executive Secretary
Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex.

I have a very healthy respect for his Christian commitment, his judgment, and his wisdom. As I have served on committees with him from time to time I have observed a Christian compassion, a quality of commitment to Christ's Lordship, and an element of judgment or wisdom which is rare among men of any age at any time. My life has been enriched and Southern Baptist life as a whole has been strengthened because we have been touched by the life and ministry of Dr. Courts Redford.

Foy Valentine, Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tenn.

The outstanding achievements of Dr. Redford during his tenure as associate to Dr.

J. B. Lawrence and as executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board were:

- (1) An unswerving loyalty to the Book in the face of many shifting currents.
 - (2) His ability to unassumingly maintain successful leadership.
 - (3) His sense of the value of agency teamwork and a willingness to do more than his share in developing it.
- These things are greater than those involving financial statements or numerical statistics.

J. W. Storer, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, Tenn.

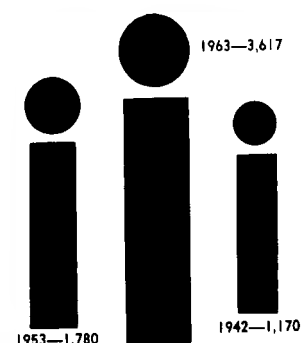
His pushing the pioneer missions work and providing loan funds for churches to get under way in some of our new states have been Dr. Redford's outstanding achievements. Related to this tremendous work has been the expansion of Home Mission Board workers to 2,300 or more. His in-service training programs and missionary recruitment efforts have been a vital part of the general expansion of the work of Southern Baptists. The fact that we now have work in 50 states is an achievement that never would have been realized without the vision and hard work of a leader like Dr. Redford.

Rabun L. Brantley, Executive Secretary
Education Commission, Nashville, Tenn.

The large number of churches that have been started has been one of the most outstanding achievements during the years Dr. Redford has

NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES

(Including Student Summer Missionaries and Chaplains)





THE GROWTH OF Church Loans from \$1,467,932 to more than \$12½ million, has made possible the financing of thousands of church sites and buildings. Here Redford discusses church loans with division director and assistant executive secretary, G. Frank Garrison. Garrison had served as president of the Home Mission Board before joining the staff in 1953.

THE MISSIONARY COMES FIRST WITH REDFORD, and missionary personnel increased from 435 to 2,328 during the years he has been with the Board. In this picture Redford chats with Missionary Roe Beard at Cherokee Baptist Indian Grounds in Oklahoma.



been with the Home Mission Board. Another outstanding achievement is the opening of the work in the West and the North.

One specific incident which I remember concerning Dr. Redford and which meant much to me was once when he paused to speak words of compassion and encouragement to one down-and-out.

H. Leo Eddleman, President
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
New Orleans, La.

Outstanding achievements made during the service of Dr. Redford might be the following in this order:

(1) Establishing the Personnel Department and raising the requirements for missionary appointment. We here at Midwestern have been deeply impressed with the work of Glendon McCullough and with the higher standards required of appointees.

(2) Expansion of the work of the Home Mission Board into every state. We feel that this has been of untold value in encouraging kingdom work, not only through the Southern Baptist Convention and newly-established churches, but also because of the incentive it has given to others in the pioneer areas.

(3) The expansion of aid to churches in the form of pastoral aid and church loans.

Millard J. Berquist, President
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Kansas City, Mo.

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Leach Transferred To Puerto Rico

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board transferred Milton Leach Jr., of Miami, Fla., as a missionary to the island commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Leach, for 10 years director of Spanish work for the Miami Baptist Association, will serve in Puerto Rico as a general missionary.

He will assist Southern Baptist congregations in their ministry among the 2½ million people of the island.

There are presently six Southern Baptist congregations, two of them Spanish, in Puerto Rico. American Baptists have approximately 50 congregations there.

"Our object is to bear our part of the burden of evangelizing the Puerto Rican population," said Loyd Corder, secretary of the language missions department, of Atlanta in making the announcement of Leach's appointment. "We expect to do only that which is helpful and strengthening to other Baptist groups," added Corder, who is secretary of the Language Missions Department for the mission agency.

He said Leach established an "exceptional record" in Miami, leading that association to minister to more than 170,000 Spanish-speaking residents of the city.

Leach pioneered in enlisting English-speaking Miami churches to establish language congregations, making alternate use of the same facilities. Parallel

associational organizations for the Spanish-speaking were also stated.

The Southern Baptist mission agency approved limited assistance to Baptist work in Puerto Rico last August, taking this step after congregations on the island requested help.

The Southern Baptist congregations are in the major cities of San Juan and Ponce and near Ramey and Roosevelt Roads military bases.

Leach, a native of Sterling City, Tex., was educated at Howard Payne College in Brownwood and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth.

Fricke To Direct Miami Spanish Work

Robert Fricke, director of Relief and Resettlement of Cuban Refugees at the Baptist Spanish Center in Miami, has been named director of all Spanish mission activities in the Miami Baptist Association, since the transfer of Milton S. Leach Jr., to Puerto Rico.

Fricke will continue in the work with Cuban refugees in an advisory capacity.

Although there is not a great influx of Cuban refugees into Miami at this time, Fricke states, there are still 40,000 people on welfare there. Many of these, due to age and infirmities, will never be resettled.

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There is a small number of refugees arriving every day by small craft directly from Cuba and others are arriving through legal channels via Mexico and Spain. These are very much in need of resettlement.

In June Southern Baptists resettled 1,184 individuals of the 77,898 resettled for that month.

The following six states received these families:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELOCATIONS		
state	family	no.
CALIFORNIA	Bellflower	*Gomez 1
	Ridgecrest	Guzman 5
	MISSOURI	
Jefferson City	Torrecilla	2
NEVADA		
Yerington	Cordero	7
OREGON		
North Bend	Lopez	1
Forest Grove	**Ambrioso	1
Forest Grove	**Martinez	1
TEXAS		
Houston	**Jordan	1
VIRGINIA		
Ruther Glen	Huertas	2
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Waynesboro	Juncadella	3

- * Approved Resettlements
- ** Government grants for future Spanish teachers

Home Mission Board Transfers Two Couples

The Home Mission Board has placed its first missionaries to the Portuguese, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Mathews.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Pratt of Washington, D.C., have been transferred to New Orleans to direct the work of the Rachel Sims Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, both natives of Leesburg, Fla., have finished a year's study of the Portuguese language in Campinas, Brazil, and will now serve in Oakland, Calif.

There are approximately a half million Portuguese-speaking people in the United States, and most of these are concentrated in California, according to Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the Language Missions Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, natives of Pope, Miss., and Osceola, Mo., have served at the Johnenning Baptist Center in Washington, D. C.

Missions Committees Lead Tucson Church Growth

By Earl S. Bell, chairman association missions committee Tucson, Ariz.

The establishing of new missions is not an impossible task! In four years, in the Catalina Baptist Association of Arizona, 12 new Anglo missions have been constituted and three language missions. This is one mission for every two churches. How has this phenomenal record been accomplished? Quite simply. A strong association missions committee has worked closely with the missions committees of the sponsoring churches.

Irving Childress became superintendent of city missions in Tucson, Ariz., in 1960. The Lord had led him from Kentucky to Tucson where he became the pastor of a suburban mission. The association was impressed with his understanding and experience in missions. Later when the position was vacant the association missions committee felt Childress should be superintendent of missions.

In August, 1959, I was called to the Calvary Baptist Church of Tucson, and in a short time was asked to be chairman of the association missions committee. Childress and I are agreed that the building of New Testament churches holds priority in God's mis-

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sionary enterprise and only through a church-centered mission program can stability and continuity be provided.

Team work and strong personnel are necessary in association missions, especially church extension. We have both. The representative from Arizona on the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission, J. H. Richardson, serves as chairman of one church missions committee. The president of Arizona's Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. H. E. Martin, serves on a missions committee. A third member is Mrs. W. D. Hogan, who serves as office secretary for the superintendent of missions in Tucson. People on the church and association missions committees must be dedicated to missions.

The association missions committee provides the leadership in the selection of mission sites. The strategic location of a new mission is of utmost importance. In cooperation with the city planning and zoning board and with real estate developers, long-range plans are studied and developed. A seven-year program is planned in cooperation with these authorities to assure proper location of new churches.

A working relationship with the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board helps provide the financing. The entire association participates in these efforts as monies for mission sites are provided in the association budget until sponsorship is secured and the mission is organized.

As the communities develop, the superintendent of missions working with the association missions committee presents to a local church the needs and enlists its interest and sponsorship of a new mission. The association executive board is fully informed and gives support to the mission.

Proof of the success of this program is that of 12 Anglo missions started since 1960, five are now self-supporting Baptist churches. Within this year of 1964, two others will constitute into self-supporting churches. There are 30 churches in the Catalina Baptist Asso-

ciation (or Tucson area) with 10 of these having been constituted since 1960.

The 30,000 Movement can become a reality if there is a strong association missions committee working closely with an aggressive local church missions committee. It can be done—it is being done in Tucson—now!

Two Firsts in Panama—Music Conference and Institute for Laymen

Two firsts were recorded in Baptist work in Panama during the months of March and April, 1964. The first nation-wide music conference as well as the first institute for laymen was held at the Theological Institute in Arraijan, Panama.

The music conference, directed by Wendall Parker and Mrs. Hubert Hurt, was held March 23-25 with 16 churches and missions from four different associations taking part. Fifty-one people registered for the three-day conference. A very valuable contribution was made by Judson Blair of the music department of the Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Tex. Mrs. Parker taught a course in hymn playing and Isaac Perez, a course in conducting.

One young man, Winston George, from Emmanuel Baptist Church in Panama City, made his decision during the conference to surrender for full-time Christian service and entered the Theological Institute in May as a regular student. The enthusiasm of those participating in building a better music program in their local churches was noted in the closing program held at the First Baptist Church in Panama City.

The two-weeks laymen's short course held April 6-17, 1964, brought together people from five associations (all except the Canal Zone Association) and 14 churches and missions. There were 20 men and three women

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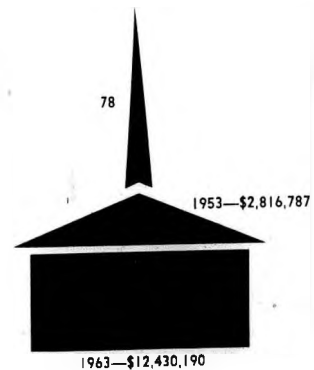
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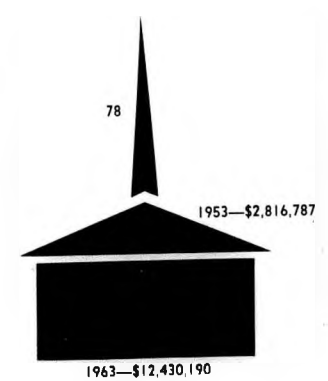
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PART OF THE GROUP which enrolled in the layman's short course is shown above. See accompanying stories for details.

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enrolled. A number of laymen took two weeks of their vacation time to participate in the short course. Included in the list of students were three men from the San Blas Islands and one Guaymi Indian from Bocas del Toro Province. Paulino Igen from Cricamola is a young man who was won by Alberto Stonestreeth, a recent graduate of the Institute and the first Baptist missionary to the Guaymi Indians.

Paulino at the close of the course stated that previously Stonestreeth had wanted to send him out as a witness to his own people, but that he had lacked courage to do so. "Now," he stated, "I am no longer afraid to carry the story of Jesus to my people."

Paulino's testimony could be multiplied many times over by other laymen who returned better equipped to aid their pastors as lay preachers and church workers.

There were 72 hours of class work with Isaac V. Perez teaching homiletics; Rafael M. Guillen, biblical interpretation; Ray M. Douglas, evangelism; and Hubert O. Hurt, New Testament. The short course was di-

rected by Hurt, dean of the Theological Institute.

In connection with the short course, the laymen participated in a three-day evangelistic effort in Arraijan where Ricardo Montenegro is pastor. Alcides Lozano of La Chorrera was the evangelist. Because of the large attendance the services were held out in the open the last two nights. The students covered the entire town in visitation and distribution of tracts. The closing exercises for the short course were held in La Chorrera Baptist Church with Guillen bringing the principal message. Eight young people indicated they felt called to full-time Christian service. All laymen and women participating renewed their vow to dedicate themselves more completely to the Lord's service.

Pedro Arrambide Inspires with Song

By Mary Metzger, Women's Editor
Casa Grande Dispatch, Ariz.

It has been said that "singing is twice praying." If this applies to ordinary voices, then the golden voice of Pedro Arrambide must be of triple value.

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Not only has his rich tenor voice enthralled the members of his congregation at the Mexican Baptist Mission in Casa Grande but it can now reach a far greater audience for Arrambide made a recording for Symbol Records of Phoenix that has been released.

Pedro Arrambide was born in Monterrey, N. L., Mexico. Blessed with a beautiful tenor voice, he started singing professionally on radio at the age of 14. After his radio debut, he worked on the stage for 10 years in singing and acting roles.

When he came to the United States, he continued his voice lessons.

He gave up his professional career to devote his life to the Lord as a minister of the Baptist church. However, his rich voice was a valuable asset in bringing his people closer to the Lord through prayer and hymns.

Since coming to Casa Grande two years ago as pastor of the Iglesia Bautista Emanuel under the Home

Mission Board, he has inspired his congregation not only with his rich voice but with his sincerity of purpose in leading them to God.

New Church Constituted At Dunbar, West Virginia

The little building occupied by the Fairlawn Baptist Chapel in Dunbar, W. Va., was literally packed with people one Sunday afternoon. The occasion was the constitution of the chapel into the Fairlawn Baptist Church.

The Fairlawn mission was begun in the late summer of 1959 under sponsorship of the North Charleston Baptist Church through the combined efforts of Gay Barker, a lay preacher, four student summer workers, and John Snedden, area missionary. A census was taken and a one-week revival held with the missionary preaching. There were only two additions that week.

THE RECORD called "Alabanzas a Dios" contains 12 religious hymns sung by Pedro Arrambide in his native Spanish accompanied by Molly Tolby on the organ. It is truly a "sermon in song" and one sung with such spiritual depth as to touch the hearts of all who hear it.



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Home Mission Board Member, Pineville, La.

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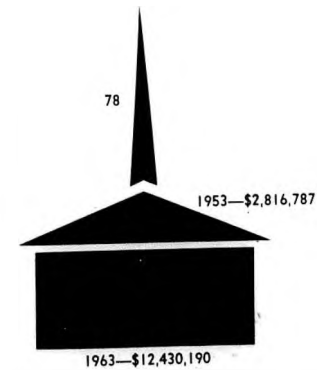
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In April, 1962, by mutual agreement between the North Charleston and Malden Baptist Churches, the Malden Church assumed sponsorship of the mission and W. L. Oliver, who at that time had just surrendered to preach, became pastor. The mission experienced steady growth from that time on.

The new church already has an option to buy property in Dunbar near the place where they are now meeting. Their plan is to complete the purchase and occupy the new location sometime this year.

Student Summer Worker Returns as Pastor

The first Sunday in March, Bruce Mitchell became the new pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bolair, W. Va. Bruce, a native of Many, La., was a summer worker in West Virginia in 1960 under the direction of Area Missionary John Snedden.

While a student at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La., Bruce majored in mathematics education. Originally he had planned for a career in engineering. God changed all that when he definitely laid his hand on Bruce that summer in West Virginia and called him into full-time service. It is of special interest to note that in the summer of 1960, Bruce made his first attempt to preach a sermon at the Bolair Church.

Bruce completed his work at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and entered New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he completed one year.

Mrs. Mitchell, the former Juanita Joyce Airhart, is a native of Mansfield, La. She is an experienced office secretary and plans to work in Webster Springs, W. Va.

Art Lessons for Billy

By Clara Niz
Winston-Salem, N. C.
Patterson Avenue Mission Center
Last summer soon after I began working in the Patterson Avenue Mis-

sion Center I met Billy, a teen-age boy enrolled in Royal Ambassador. In becoming acquainted with him I discovered he was talented in art. After a Royal Ambassador meeting we would often find on the blackboard cartoons that Billy had drawn during recreational time.

Others who visited the mission center began to notice his art work and would ask who had done it. A volunteer worker asked about the cartoons drawn by Billy and became interested in his taking an art course at the Community Arts and Craft Center. Through her a group of women in one of our churches decided to pay Billy's registration fee for a beginner's art course.

Billy was promptly enrolled. His parents are cooperating to see that he has transportation to and from the lessons and that he has the necessary art supplies. They are appreciative of what is being done for Billy for he could not have taken these lessons otherwise.

Billy is thoroughly enjoying the lessons and shares with us some of the things he is learning. His boy friends seem glad he has this opportunity and we are rejoicing that one of our young men is being ministered to.

Small World

By Rosemary McGuire
Coliseum Center
New Orleans, La.

The world is a small place! The names of the summer missionaries were sent but they did not mean anything until they arrived to the field. During the course of conversation with Ann Hahn who is from Seattle, Wash., I related some experiences which I had had in her home state as a student worker with the Home Mission Board in 1957. She questioned me concerning G.A. Camp at the Mt. Baker Baptist Assembly. Then, both of us realized that I had been her counselor the week that she had attended. She had also won the honor as Star Camper. Thus, God had led us to work with each other again.

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As we near the time of retirement of our beloved executive secretary-treasurer I am reminded of the many blessings that have come to my life during the past 13 years. I have had the privilege of serving with him as a member of the Board. His zeal and devotion to home missions and the cause of Christ will linger long in the hearts of each missionary and worker of our Convention who has had the privilege of contact with him.

During the 21 years with the Board, his many months of travel each year in keeping close contact with each department of work has meant much to the enlargement of the Board's work.

The reorganization of the divisions of work in 1959 under his leadership opened the doors for a great expansion, now reflected in each department.

His insight into the many fields of service yet untouched by our mission work has laid the groundwork for many opportunities for home missions in the years ahead.

C. G. Cole, President
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Soon after Dr. Redford came to

the Home Mission Board as an associate of Dr. Lawrence I met him in Baton Rouge, La., at a mission conference.

This was my first time to see him and to know who he was. As he spoke before the assembly I was greatly impressed by his quiet confidence and apparent grasp of the significance of the task which he had assumed.

Since that time I have come to know him quite intimately as I have served on Convention-wide and state committees which have thrown me into direct contact with him.

For more than five years I have had the privilege of being a member of the Home Mission Board and in this capacity have been able to observe him at close range. My admiration for him has increased with every meeting I have ever had with him.

I feel that his chief contribution to the work of the Home Mission Board has been in elevating the character of its work so that more and more our people generally are coming to realize what a significantly important role home mission is playing in the homeland and around the world.

R. Houston Smith
Home Mission Board Member, Pineville, La.

First, I would insist that by the choice and procurement of excellent associates he has made consistent plans that would rightly be referred to as a strategy for conquest. I have never found nor detected that while projecting a broad scope of work for the Home Mission Board Dr. Redford ever initiated or

launched competitive enterprises that reflect jealousy of other agencies. He has led in masterful planning in a bold attempt to make our nation Christian.

Next, and attendant to this, has been a consistently high morale among his associates.

Third, the acceleration of the ministry of the church loan and extension funds undergirding new work in remote areas. In step with this has been the able and consistent extension of Baptist life into pioneer areas under the leadership of people with pioneer spirit.

Fourth, the establishment of a Department of Personnel has upgraded efficiency of work. Steadiness of leadership in the work has been more favorably received and judged by leaders of other denominations where Baptists were not known and were, therefore, suspect.

Fifth, there has been, because of these qualities, an entire reevaluation of home missions by our Southern Baptist Convention as a whole. It has moved from being a stepchild to a position where it is equal to and as much appreciated as the duty of the church and the mission of our Lord as any other responsibility far or near. It would be hard to conceive of greater changes in a comparable period. This is the measure of the man. I am profoundly grateful to have known him and been associated with him.

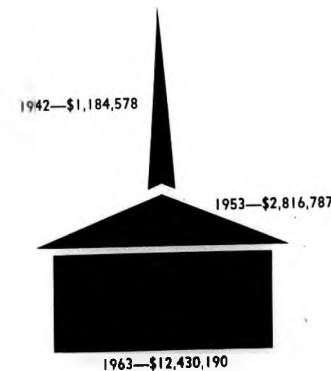
Charles R. Standridge
Home Mission Board Member, Tifton, Ga.

I was on the Home Mission

Board when Dr. Redford was elected and now I am/on again when he is retiring.

I believe that the greatest blessing he has been to me

CHURCH LOAN FUNDS (CORPUS)





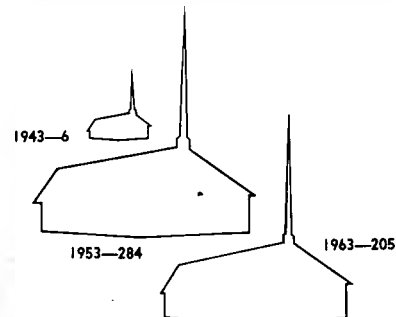
THE EXPANSION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST WORK into all 50 states has come during Redford's years with the Board. Known as pioneer missions, this movement has seen the establishment of more than 3,000 churches in states which had none or few Southern Baptist churches 20 years ago. In this picture he points to a 1954 map, the white portion of which indicates organized state conventions.

is the lesson he has given me in real humility and in Holy Spirit-led leadership. I never saw him but that I am reminded of what a great Christian he really is.

W. Fred Swank
Home Mission Board Member, Fort Worth, Tex.

Dr. Courts Redford, as the executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, is very much concerned that every board member feels free to

SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN NEW CHURCHES CONSTITUTED IN HOME MISSION WORK



express himself in support of, or in opposition to, whatever is being discussed. He has an abiding respect for the judgment of others. I have found the work of the Board to be very democratic, which I believe is the result of his leadership. I have found him to be held in the highest esteem by the entire Board as well as our Southern Baptist Convention.

B. D. Vanderslice
Home Mission Board Member, Denver, Colo.

It would seem to me that the Board has made excellent progress under Dr. Redford's leadership. I think his foresight in bringing about a reorganization of the Board's work is one of the most significant moves that the Board has made in recent years.

I might add that I feel that the work done in the field of church loans is one of the most far-reaching things that has been undertaken under his leadership.

M. Jackson White
Home Mission Board Member, Arlington, Va.

It is difficult for me to make distinction between the various kingdom services of the Home Mission Board in its constantly expanding program during the periods of Dr. Redford's service. I have been impressed at all times with the high order of his administrative ability and efficiency, his wisdom and sound judgment, his aggressive and courageous qualities of heart and mind, marked with gentleness and kindness, and withal his unobtrusive goodness. Perhaps his outstanding qualities of manifest leadership have been in the field of evangelism and the summer student missionary program. His influence will abide.

Geo. P. Whitman, Sr.
Home Mission Board Member, Atlanta, Ga.

The pioneer movement, particularly the phase involving the expansion of our work into the large cities of our country, has been one of the greatest achievements under Dr. Redford's leadership. I have a deep personal conviction that our battle to win our country will be won or lost in these cities.

The 30,000 Movement may in many ways overlap with the pioneer movement but more and more will our Convention need to establish new churches, missions, and preaching points.

I have appreciated the renewed emphasis on city missions. I am not sure how much of this originated with the Board during Dr. Redford's leadership, but I do know it has been greatly emphasized by him.

Other important achievements have been the cooperative spirit between the Board and the state conventions, so vital if our work is to thrive; the expansion of the church loan fund; and the cooperation with our Canadian Baptists.

The church of which I am pastor was started as a mission almost 15 years ago from the First Baptist Church of Decatur. Even though he was a busy man and occupied a denominational position of prominence, Dr. Redford took the time to preach in a small tent to a small congregation of people during the summer of 1949. The revival which he preached at that time gave added impetus to the small mission. I will never forget the impression made on me that one of our denominational leaders would accept the invitation to preach in revival services in a small tent helping to establish a new church. The missionary spirit which he exhibited at that time has continued in the lives of these people for more than 14 years.

J. Don Aderhold
Home Mission Board Member, Decatur, Ga.

I have never known a man of greater compassion and understanding than Dr. Red-

ford, especially in our nation-wide outlook to win our America to Christ. Besides his administrative abilities, he has given to our Convention a program that is as challenging and far-reaching as we could ever have.

The achievements I have thought most outstanding are 1) the widespread knowledge of our home mission work as it has been presented to our Southern Baptist constituency, 2) the great success that has been wrought in making money available to new churches in our pioneer area, and 3) his ability to create among the missionary personnel a spirit of devotion and dedication to Christ and the work of our Board.

At our first meeting of the committee that will nominate a successor to Dr. Redford, we asked him to simply share with us something of the qualifications we ought to find in the man who will serve in his place.

I was greatly impressed by his spirit of humility. I was impressed by his insight into the task and the challenge of the future. In that moment of personal reflections, he shared with us the finest description of the type person we need as ever I have heard. After he had spoken, it clarified my mind as to what we should look for in a man who would take his place.

He recognized that he should have qualities that he himself did not have in a very special way. At the same time, I knew he was reflecting a quality of character that would be hard to find in the lives of men that we would perhaps consider. This to me was but an insight to the greatness of Courts Redford.

Joe Weldon Bailey
Home Mission Board Member, Waco, Tex.

THE 30,000 MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH 10,000 churches and 20,000 missions in the years 1956-1964 received the whole-hearted backing of Redford. C. C. Warren, director of the movement, was jointly employed by the mission agency and the Sunday School Board. This picture, taken in 1956, is of the first committee to direct the movement. New churches, always an emphasis of the mission agency, received special stress from Redford in the projection of his five-year crusades for witnessing and missions.*

*In the picture below are, from left, Albert McClellan of the Executive Committee, Roland Leavell (deceased) of New Orleans Seminary, Miss Alma Hunt of WMU, C. C. Warren, David Mathison of the Brotherhood Commission, W. L. Howe, and James L. Sullivan of the Sunday School Board, and Dr. Redford.





STUDENT SUMMER MISSIONS WAS UNIQUELY A Redford contribution, started in 1944 under his direction. The first year 74 students responded, and this year 700 served. Redford, above, in 1953 talks with Ruby Earhart, center, who served six years as summer missionary, and Leonora Craig (now Mrs. George Adams), for 17 years in charge of screening and placing applicants for the ministry.

wisdom in guiding in the selection of imminently qualified staff personnel—in his words, “God’s men and women for their respective jobs”—have impressed me.

The reorganization of the work of the Board into the present pattern of divisions and departments ranks high in accomplishment.

He instituted the present plan of bringing two or three state board members to Atlanta each month to

His dedication to God and to his work have elevated the position of the Home Mission Board in the thinking of men and women throughout the Convention to one of genuine respect and admiration.

His concern for the missionaries on the fields and his

A NEW EMPHASIS ON MISSIONARY PERSONNEL came to home missions in 1958 with the creation of the Personnel Department and the adoption in 1960 of minimum requirements. Dr. Redford, right above charges missionaries in an appointment service.*

*In the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fricke, Hugh Chambliss, Harry Betrah, F. M. DuBose, Personnel Secretary Glendon McCullough, and Dr. Redford.



attend the monthly board meeting and the regular committee meetings, thereby giving them an opportunity to know the staff and to gain a more intimate knowledge of the work that is done by the various committees.

Mrs. Sherwood L. Astin
Home Mission Board Member, Atlanta, Ga.

In these 20 years of Dr. Courts

Redford’s work many things have been accomplished that are worthy of mention but I think of these three as perhaps the most far-reaching: 1) the reorganization of the Home Mission Board and other work involved in the “Felts Associates” (management consultant) recommendations; 2) the working agreements between the Home Mission Board and the various states; and 3) the spirit of cooperation between the divisions and departments of the Home Mission Board.

I often remember the fellowship and insight into his deep spiritual life and love I gained when as a part of the committee to secure a director for the Division of Missions, we went to confer with some about this place. I came to see more clearly his knowledge and love for all our work.

Bert I. Cherry
Home Mission Board Member, Carbondale, Ill.

The many far-reaching achievements of our board under the leadership of Dr. Courts Redford show him to be a real statesman in the kingdom of God.

It may be too soon to estimate the value of our big cities program in the pioneer areas. This should, in a few years, bring a great host of new churches and conventions with their vigor and efficiency into the Southern Baptist fold.

The greatly enlarged church building and loan program including the church extension loan fund and the church site fund make it possible for the churches to begin missions knowing they will have assistance and encouragement in building to meet their constituency as new churches.

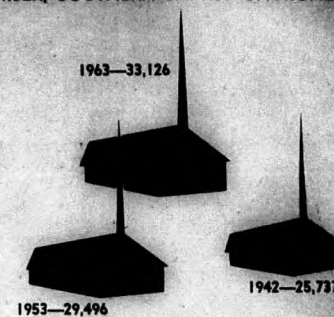
The establishment of the Personnel Department with its efficient secretaries has enabled our board to find and enlist missionaries with the highest qualities of personality, education, experience, and dedication. Possibly only those of us who have the privilege of serving on the board have the privilege of knowing the real worth of this department.

The reorganization of our work into divisions and departments with clearly defined programs of service provides efficiency that will make for progress for years to come.

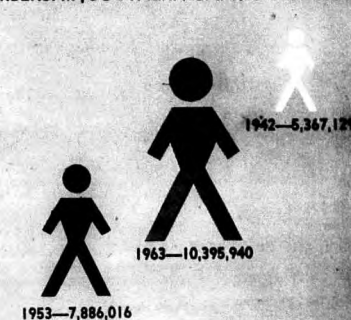
It was my privilege to be the pastor of Dr. Redford’s son, David, and his family for a few years. I was happy to have Dr. Redford assist us in ordaining David as a deacon in our church and to baptize his grandson

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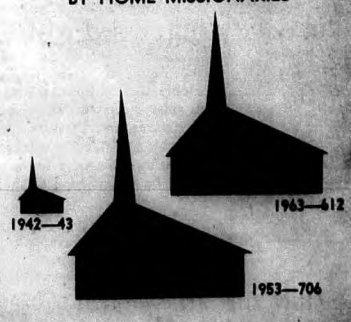
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NEW MISSIONS STARTED BY HOME MISSIONARIES





Bobby into the fellowship of our church. Dr. Redford's expressions of appreciation for what our church meant to his son and family reveal the genuineness of his own Christian experience.

J. C. Daniel
Home Mission Board Member, Atlanta, Ga.

I am deeply impressed with one thing and that is the achievement in the realm of organization. Dr. Redford has done an almost impossible thing in organizing the Home Mission Board for efficient service. In my opinion, this is one of the most outstanding achievements in his ministry. Then, too, as far as I can see, he has been able to lead the personnel of the Home Mission Board in a unified and harmonious manner. He certainly is to be commended for this.

J. E. Gaddy
Home Mission Board Member, Savannah, Ga.

During the 10 years Dr. Redford has been executive secretary one of his outstanding

EVANGELISM, A CONSTANT CONCERN, OF REDFORD'S, is reflected in this meeting with Evangelist Billy Graham at Graham's home near Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. The Evangelism Division of the HMB led Southern Baptists to win 209,127 the first year Redford was with the Board and 355,325 in 1963. Missionaries reported professions of faith totaling 15,928 that first year and 46,226 in 1963.

accomplishments has been the reorganization of the departments in 1958. He is, in my judgment, one of the best executives that it has been my privilege to know. He works well with other people and he is an excellent director of the financial affairs.

I remember being at Glorieta and seeing Dr. Redford personally involved in winning Indians and other people to Christ. With all of the other things that he has to do and the direction that he gives to so many people, I will remember him always as a personal soul-winner.

Raymond L. Harvey
Home Mission Board Member, Rome, Ga.

The most outstanding achievements of the Home Mission Board in the past 20 years have been: 1) The establishment of the financial soundness of the Board. 2) The reach of the Board in to new sections of the country, particularly the West and North, with aid for new struggling churches, associations, and conventions. The results show that the Lord was in it. This has been one of the very greatest success stories, in the realm of religion, of our century. 3) The general growth, development and maturity of all our home mission work, which includes the coming of additional departments of work and shifting of focus or emphasis among the older departments from time to time as circumstances demanded.

R. A. Long
Home Mission Board Member, Roswell, N. M.

The growth in the fields of service, which now include every state of the Union, and the growth of our missionary personnel, rank first in home mission accomplishments. Another important achievement is the loans program and the invaluable service it renders. Then, too, I am most interested in missionary education. It has grown tremendously in the past few years. *Home Missions* magazine is one of the best. The films and filmstrips, tracts, and other helps have meant so much in educating our youth and adults in missions. Finally, but certainly not least, has been the growth in programs of our Board. This has been a significant step forward in my opinion.

I took my 11-year-old granddaughter, Kathy Rogers, when I attended one of our committee meetings. She had learned about Dr. Redford in her Girls' Auxiliary meetings and was most anxious to meet him. When he came

into the meeting, he greeted her most cordially and sat by her during the meeting and introduced her to those who came in later. She was so impressed that for days all she could talk about was Dr. Redford. Since then, she has expressed the desire to be a missionary and has dedicated her life for mission work. Her parents and I feel that the brief association with Dr. Redford, his sincerity and devotion to missions, had a direct bearing on her decision to become a missionary.

Mrs. Clint E. Rogers, Sr.
Home Mission Board Member, Atlanta, Ga.

When the dream of J. E. Dillard

and others of a debt free denomination had been realized, J. B. Lawrence, who was then the executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, brought in 1943 a recommendation to the executive committee of the Board that he be provided with an assistant. He not only recommended the creation of the position, which previous to that time had been non-existent, but he had his man picked, namely, Courts Redford, who had previously worked with Dr. Lawrence in three other relationships. The executive committee was quick to approve Dr. Lawrence's recommendation, and in June of 1943 Dr. Redford moved his family to Atlanta and reported for duty. Those of us who were closely associated with the Board at that time recognized immediately the wisdom of his selection. He made the tenth man on the headquarters staff, which has now grown to 49.

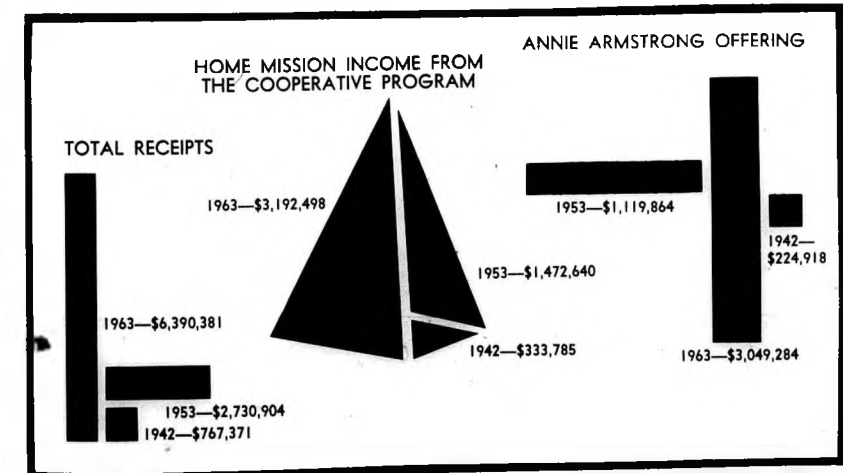
Due to the fact that from 1928 to 1943 the Board had been able to do little more than pay debts and keep alive a skeleton mission program, the mission

force needed to be expanded and mission properties acquired. Dr. Redford, working in the closest possible cooperation with Dr. Lawrence, played a great part in the development of both.

Dr. Redford's leadership abilities were evident from the beginning. Through the years he has been a tireless worker and a great leader. He is a man of great humility and faith. The key to his success has been in large measure due to his ability to select his associates.

Shortly after Dr. Redford was elected executive secretary-treasurer in August of 1953, he approached me and inquired if I would consider leaving a business of which I had been a part for more than 30 years to come to the Board as his assistant. His approach took me by complete surprise, so much so that I found myself unable to give him an immediate answer. Again his suggestion was, "Let's pray about it." After some six weeks or more, as we approached the annual board meeting in early December, I had not felt definitely led to accept Dr. Redford's invitation and felt honor bound to so tell him the night before the board convened in annual session. He was most understanding, saying, "I would like to go ahead and make my recommendation to the Board, and let us continue to pray about it," adding, "I feel that you will ultimately feel led to accept the position." The following day I was elected by the Board. We did not talk about the matter for nearly three weeks, and on December 22, 1953, I was finally able to say to him that I felt definitely led to join him in the task of promoting home missions throughout America. These more than ten and a half years have been happy, and I like to feel fruitful, years. It has been a great privilege to me personally to have enjoyed his comradeship and confidence.

God has richly blessed the ministry of the Home



Mission Board during the period 1943-1964. Mention has already been made of the phenomenal increase in the staff of the Board. During that period the Board's budget has been increased from \$465,997 (\$223,000 of which was allocated to debt retirement) to \$5,450,000; its missionary personnel from 435 to 2,328; its mission property values from \$1,219,279 to \$10,504,178; the corpus of its loan funds from \$1,467,932.46 more than \$12,500,000, which has made possible the financing of thousands of church sites and buildings, many of which would not have been possible without the Board's assistance.

G. Frank Garrison, Assistant Executive
Secretary-Treasurer, HMB, Atlanta, Georgia

In my recent teaching of the history of the Home Mission Board at Southern Seminary I was impressed afresh with the remarkable progress of the Board beginning with the payment of debt in 1943. Dr. Redford personally led in the initiation of the Student Summer Mission Program, and while this has become a very meaningful undertaking it would be difficult for me to say this is the most important. I would incline to feel that his leadership has been of greatest importance in providing for a balanced advance in all directions. By this generalization I do not mean to minimize, but rather to magnify, this contribution. It is not an easy thing to lead in a period of tremendous advance and maintain balance. There has been progress and enlargement of balance.

He made a major contribution in Southern Baptist emphasis upon the work of the association. As far back as 1944 he was giving major attention to developing the efficiency of associations. It could well be that he was pioneering, or was one of the pioneers, in giving to the association the strong emphasis to which we are now accustomed.

He is not a high-pressure promoter, in the usual thoughts which we have about promotion, but he organized efforts and developed plans which could be and were effectively implemented. Even in the listing of items for the Annie Armstrong Offering, I have observed that he has an "eye" for listing two or three items that will have special appeal to contributors. My thought about Dr. Redford as a promoter flowed from the two crusades which preceded the Baptist Jubilee Advance. I refer to the "Five-Year Crusade" which extended from 1950 through 1954 and is promoted through the book *Crusade in Home Missions* (1952) written by Dr. Redford. Following this there was a four-year crusade, though I do not recall the exact title, extending from 1955 through 1958. It is this kind of organization and promotion which we meet first in Home Mission Board history under the administration of Dr. Redford.

I especially remember Dr. Redford's meeting my family and me personally about 2:30 a. m. on a Saturday morning when we came to talk with the committee about finalizing plans for me to join the staff. This is symbolic of the self-giving which is so typical of Dr. Redford. We certainly did not expect him to meet our plane. We had intended to catch a taxi or the airport limousine to the

downtown hotel, but there he was. During these years since then he has continued to show himself as a thoughtful person, thoroughly dedicated to Christ and willing to go the second and third mile in the task of home missions

Arthur B. Rutledge, Director
Division of Missions, HMB, Atlanta, Ga.

There have been many significant achievements, and all of them are important, but let me speak only about evangelism. (1) A unified program of evangelism was begun in these years of Dr. Redford's labors with the Home Mission Board. (2) All of the states have secretaries of evangelism whose duty is totally or in part, given to the promotion of evangelism in the Convention. (3) The Division of Evangelism reached an all-time high in conversions and baptisms. The last eight years have been the greatest. From 1956 through 1959, Southern Baptists baptized 1,611,298. These were the highest four years in our history. From 1960 through 1963, we baptized 1,526,619, which were the second best four years in our history. We baptized 3,137,917 in the last eight years. No other eight-year period ever came near to this achievement. (4) Evangelism has established a cooperation with all boards and commissions never before had, and this should enhance the next decade tremendously. (5) Evangelism has established a communication never before experienced. We have articles in all of our Convention publications to a total by 1966 that will equal four times more readers than ever before. It is arranged that one entire quarter of the Sunday school lessons in 1966 will be given to evangelism.

Dr. Redford's sweet spirit of brotherliness and cooperation laid the foundation for all we have achieved in evangelism in the last decade.

C. E. Autrey, Director
Division of Evangelism, HMB, Dallas, Tex.

Some of the achievements which

I think are noteworthy during Dr. Redford's work with the Home Mission Board are: 1) the organization of the Home Mission Board; 2) increasing the number of programs; 3) increasing the missionary personnel, particularly the staff workers and positions; 4) increasing of the corpus in the loan funds; 5) the outstanding success in the establishing of new churches and missions; 6) developing a philosophy of missions which is patterned after the New Testament; and 7) the maintaining of proper evangelism and missions.

I would certainly like to call attention to his emphasis on personal witnessing on the part of every missionary and every child of God. He has often said that one cannot give that which he does not possess and certainly Dr. Redford was prone to emphasize the necessity of individual personal witnessing on the part of every Christian.

Geo. W. Cummins, Director
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UNNUMBERED HOURS OF MEETINGS MARK THE LIFE OF any agency executive, such as the meeting of the Home Mission Board Redford attended above. President C. G. Cole of Atlanta presides. Redford, in picture at left, shows some of the strain of the years and a heart attack as he reads his resignation to the Board. Always quick with a quip, Redford often surprised associates with an unexpected laugh. On this occasion, the laugh was on Mrs. Bertha Wallace Lee when she was awarded a pen for 25 years' service.



The achievements in

some missions during the 21 years Dr. Redford has been with the Board include the following:

- (1) Associational study and enlargement of the associational work
 - Rural church program
 - Long-range rural program
 - Convention-wide rural church conference
 - Assistance to states in supporting missionaries in rural areas
 - City mission program formulated, promoted
 - Financial help provided states in setting up the associational program in cities
 - Pioneer missions developed into associational program in cities
 - Development of scientific surveys put on by associational-wide organizations
- (2) Cooperation with state mission boards

Language missions, including work with Indians

Formal agreements with state mission boards as to distribution of funds, election and direction of personnel, conferences to aid workers

- (3) Mission and evangelism plans correlated, promoted through conferences offered to churches which enables church members to participate in a mission ministry in service as well as money and prayers.

- (4) Reorganization of the Home Mission Board

Correlation of the work by placing related departments and ministries in a division of work

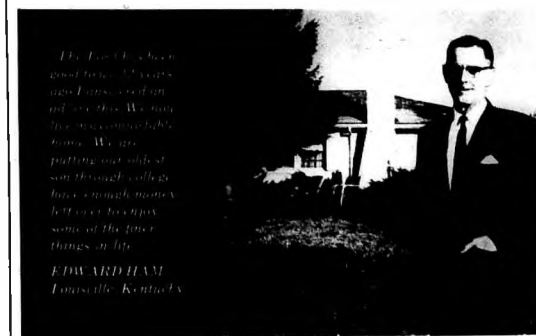
Specific responsibility placed through job description, conferences in which leaders have opportunity of getting exchange of ideas of plans

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Education and promotion increased and more definitely related to promotion of programs and plans of home mission staff.

All areas of work expanded with some additional ministries made possible through the enlarged organization.

(5) Student summer mission work started and expanded to use as many as 600 students a year.

(6) Church site and church loan fund expanded and ministries to the churches to aid in providing counsel for their church building program.

(7) Special ministries such as literacy, weekday mission ministries, Catholic information, and others.

A motion picture script had been completed on missions in our land. Dr. Redford, as executive secretary, was to be Mr. Home Missions. He had given valuable suggestions in the writing of the script. The day arrived for the shooting of the picture. To be under the hot lights, to be natural without a pulpit to stand behind, and to be aware that what you say is being recorded and every movement and facial expression are being filmed were new experiences for him.

He called me to his room a few minutes before we were to leave for the studio. He said, "Let's have a prayer about this picture before we go." Kneeling beside his bed in the hotel room, with the dependence a child would place in a mother or father in facing a new experience, Dr. Redford placed his entire self in God's hands to be used by him, only for his glory in what he was about to do.

His calmness on the set, his ability to adapt himself to sudden change of script, and his alertness to recall his lines and speak them with force caused the professionals to say, "I thought this was the first time he had been filmed."

The best picture of the film was not shot. It was in the hotel room with a man praying for God to help him do his work for his glory. Scores

A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION, one of the first ever presented, came to Redford at the Southern Baptist Convention from the Executive Committee. Harold Seevers, chairman of the committee, presented the award.

of other times the practice of this prayer principle brought the same results in his work. His philosophy regarding money given for home missions through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering was often expressed, "We need your money, but most of all we need your prayers."

L. O. Griffith
Director, Division of
Education and Promotion
Atlanta, Ga.

The Rural Church

Program was originated by Dr. Redford when he first came to the Board as assistant to Dr. J. B. Lawrence. This program has been of untold value to Southern Baptists, and later days of history will have to write the full account of its value. In this program was found the emphasis upon the local church and the association. The Five-Star Church and the Church Achievement Program are a part of this contribution. The development of the association with its entire program and value to the denomination has accounted for much of the advance in Southern Baptist life in the past 20 years. The selection of a Rural Church Committee, representing all phases of Southern Baptist work and organization, was a wise procedure in this program.

A second outstanding achievement has been the enlargement and direction of the church building and loan funds administered by the Board. Constant and unceasing efforts were put forth—not only to enlarge the church building and loan funds—but to divide them according to peculiar needs in Southern Baptist life and to administer them in the most effective way. It will take years to see the total results of this program.

Perhaps the largest contribution he has made was his leadership in the reorganization program. This reorganization brought the Home Mission Board in closer contact with and made more satisfactory its relations to all Southern Baptist agencies than ever before. It meant also the more effective expansion of home mission work in all of the fields of opportunity. Through this reorganization program a more effective expansion into

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OTHER AWARDS AND HONORS HAVE come to Redford this year. In the picture at left, President J. Ralph Noonkester of William Carey College, presented the college's honorary doctor of divinity degree. In the picture below, Dr. and Mrs. Redford were honored with a reception in Atlantic City during the Southern Baptist Convention. He autographs a portrait of himself for an admirer.



very state has been carried on.

Dr. Redford has been a loyal soldier of the cross, enduring the hardships (and there were many), carrying with him the full armor of the Christian at all times. He has been patient and long suffering, kind and generous, toward all with whom he abode. I have seen him suffer disappointment and heartache many times, but patiently he waited until he could see his goal accomplished—never becoming critical or giving up in the task.

One thing which is a practice of his ministry and became very personal to me is that of writing in his own hand birthday greetings to those in denominational life, and expressions of concern and sympathy in situations of illness or disappointment, and the occasional letter of personal appreciation and evaluation of the work of a leader in denominational life. I have been the recipient of all three of these—on my birthday, in the situations of illness and distress, as well as appreciation for service rendered to the denomination. To me this is one of the marks of genuine character and a great Christian.

S. F. Dowis, Retired Secretary
Co-operative Missions Dept.
Atlanta, Ga.

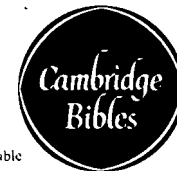
Courts Redford was
a "puller," not a driver, for his 20

years at the Home Mission Board. He expected of his staff their best, and got it. He led by personal devotion to duty, complete dedication to the Lord, and inspired faith in the future of the home mission enterprise.

Graduate work at the University of Missouri helped him to crystalize accuracy and definiteness in his approach. He majored in tests and measurements and used this talent and ability in 10 years with Dr. J. B. Lawrence to pinpoint the program, establish the budget, and project the future program. His personal contribution in this field was more fully developed in the establishment of the department of survey. There is no way to evaluate properly what surveys are meaning to Baptist work.

Dr. Redford could travel constantly and work continually. For example, we had been in Alaska two weeks, conferred all day in Anchorage, committed until midnight in Seattle. As soon as our midnight plane rose into the air, he went to sleep and slept until we landed six hours later. After another brief flight to Atlanta, he was ready for work, while I needed sleep. He could work all day, ride train or plane all night sitting up if necessary, and reach the office fit as a fiddle. That's how he did it.

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