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Phoenix Shop Center
At College Proposed

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--An independent foundation, composed of Southern Baptist laymen, hopes to develop a shopping center here on property leased by Grand Canyon College.

120 acres of land belonging to the Baptist senior college are not needed by the school now. The Antelope Ranger Foundation proposes to lease it for two nine-hole golf courses, a swank trailer park, and the shopping center.

The 15-year leases would provide income for the college's endowment. At the end of the lease period the property and improvements would become the college's. The college could also reclaim some of the golf course area on six-month notice if it were to need area to expand before the end of 15 years.

The trustees of Grand Canyon College, an agency of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, have approved the Ranger Foundation plan subject to legal details being worked out.

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Louisiana Board Acts
On Program Deficit

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--Louisiana Baptist Convention executive board moved to catch up on commitments to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It voted here to make this 1960 deficit a preferred item on a monthly basis for 1961.

The board considered securing a loan to fulfill the obligation. However, after discussion it decided to make the payments to the national and world-wide causes under the Cooperative Program over a year-long period.

The Louisiana convention made a plea to its affiliated churches for a special offering to the Cooperative Progaam in December, to approximate the \$2,650,000 annual budget.

Following the recommendations of its executive secretary, Robert L. Lee of Alexandria, the board began a long-range program to provide \$10 million capital needs in the decade ahead.

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Baptist Pastors Lodge
Charge At Politician

(12-11-60)

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--In a case before city court here, two Southern Baptist ministers charged a state legislator with vulgarity and with assault.

One of the ministers--James B. Ray of Phoenix--is a leader in a state "dry" organization. According to the newspaper, Baptist Beacon, they said the state representative hit Ray outside a church building, and used vulgar language in the presence of women and children who had gathered around.

The legislator was in a campaign for re-election at the time. The politician, Rep. Elmer King of Phoenix, was disturbed over a pamphlet released by the "dry" group stating he held a liquor license.

King has since been re-elected to office.

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King made an appointment to see Ray and Mark Daniel at Southern Baptist Temple here, where Daniel is pastor. Ray is pastor of Mount Park Baptist Church and president of the Arizona Alcohol-Narcotic Education Association.

According to Ray, when the legislator arrived he began to ridicule the two ministers. When Ray asked King not to use vulgar language in front of the young children gathering around, King became violent and struck Ray, the Beacon reported.

The thrust knocked Ray against the outside of the church building, and at the same time King met him with a threat, according to the paper.

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Virginia's New Offices
Under Construction Now

(12-11-60)

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--Virginia Baptists will spend 1961 erecting a new Baptist Building here to house the staff of their general association.

The association's general board accepted the apparent low bid of \$539,237 by a Richmond firm to construct the two-story building on Monument Ave. The new site is four miles west of the present Baptist Building, and only a mile west of the offices of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board.

Work was to begin immediately. The estimated date for the building to be ready is January, 1962. The building will also house the editorial offices of the Religious Herald, the association's weekly newspaper. A parking lot next door will handle 100 cars.

The board also accepted a grant of 403 acres of land at Bedford, Va., near the Blue Ridge Parkway. It will be used for Royal Ambassadors, church missionary group for boys. A tent camp will be held there in 1961.

Donor is Robert Johnson, Bedford grocer.

After 18 years of service with the board's Sunday school department, Luther S. Knisley (pronounced as nicely), announced his retirement Dec. 31, 1960. Executive Secretary Lucius M. Polhill of Richmond and Sunday school department Secretary Frank G. Voight presented Knisley with \$1000 retirement gift on behalf of the board.

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PHILADELPHIA--(BP)--The oldest Baptist association of churches in America has moved into its new quarters. Philadelphia Baptist Association renovated a six-story building which it bought here. The present association is the merger of three associations of churches in 1952, including the one organized in 1707.

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Florida Votes Salary
Aid In Puerto Rico

(12-11-60)

JACKSONVILLE--(BP)--The Florida Baptist board of missions voted salary aid here for two churches in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean island possession of the United States.

Metropolitan Baptist Church of San Juan was given \$100 a month for the next 10 months to aid the pastor of its Spanish work. Metropolitan Church, started by servicemen from continental United States, is an English-speaking church with a Spanish-speaking mission.

The predominant language of Puerto Rico is Spanish.

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Borinquen Baptist church at Aguadilla received \$25 a month toward a pastor's salary. This church, too, resulted from the religious interest of servicemen based there.

The two churches are affiliated with the Tampa Bay Association of churches in Florida.

Paul A. Meigs, Jacksonville, Florida Baptist evangelism secretary, visited Puerto Rico recently to talk with Baptists there.

The state board learned that Florida Baptists exceeded their 1960 goal for the special state missions offering. The goal was \$55,000. The offering totaled \$62,756.

During the associational year ending Sept. 30, Florida Baptists had a net gain of 29 churches and 25,222 members. The current number of churches is 1257 and membership, 480,407.

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Even The Best Passing
Grade Can Be Flunking

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By the Baptist Press

Two Baptist college football teams didn't come up with the win-lost record and bowl invitation that sister Baylor University did this year. But they gained some measure of fame anyway.

Harold Stephens of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., played on a winless team. Still he grabbed the national records for passing, United Press International reported. Stephens passed successfully 145 times in 256 attempts.

Runner-up in this category was none other than ~~Norman~~ Snead, quarterback at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C. Snead, a Time Magazine All-American in 1960, completed 22 less passes than Stephens. Snead's passes gained the most yardage in major college football--1630 yards.

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