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Site Loans Interest
Free For Early Years

ATLANTA--(BP)--Loans for church sites from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here will be interest-free for the first two and a half years.

The board authorized this action to help struggling churches and to give an added impetus to the denomination's 30,000 Movement, according to Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the board.

"This is strictly a mission project," Redford said, "and it is a donation to these new churches. This will be especially helpful to our new churches, since many times sites are purchased a year or more before they can build."

The site fund of the Home Mission Board is administered through the church loans division of which G. Frank Garrison of Atlanta is director.

Garrison announced that the board has \$700,000 in this fund, and that \$250,000 from the 1961 Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions will be added to it.

"In addition, all of the offering in excess of the goal of \$2,470,000 will be placed in this site fund," he said.

The denomination's drive to establish 30,000 churches and missions from 1956 to 1964, called the 30,000 Movement, hinges greatly on the ability of small groups to secure sites and buildings, both Redford and Garrison indicated.

"Southern Baptists through this year's home mission offering can make one of their most valuable contributions to missions in this nation through this site fund," Redford said.

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What's In A Name?
Plenty If Its Graham

(1-28-61)

MCALESTER, Okla.--(BP)--Surprise and excitement gripped those attending the Oklahoma Baptist Evangelistic Conference here. It had been reported that Billy Graham was present.

This Billy Graham turned out to be a young pastor, native of Oklahoma, now serving Carter Baptist Church of Tahlequah, Okla. A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, the Oklahoma Graham is a first cousin of the world-famous evangelist from North Carolina by the same name.

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Broadcast To Feature
'Spiritual Needs USA'

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ATLANTA--(BP)--"Spiritual Needs USA" is a 25-minute radio program on missions in the homeland produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Program elements include a major on missionary testimonies; a challenge from Evangelist Billy Graham; comments from Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, and a "startling look" at our land through the eyes of a woman from India. About four minutes of the regular half-hour radio program are left for local material.

"The purpose of the program is to get churches to pray for and study missions in the USA, especially during Mar. 6-10, a denominational week of prayer for home missions, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union," said L. O. Griffith, director more-

of the mission board's division of education and promotion. Before the week of prayer would be the best time for the broadcast said Griffith.

The radio program is available, free on request, from Ted Lott, Radio and Television Commission, 6248 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth 16, Tex.

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Quachita's President
State 'Man Of Year'

(1-28-61)

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Quachita College here, has added the title of "1960 man of the year" in Arkansas to his long list of accomplishments.

The Quachita president was selected recently over five other nominees by readers of the Arkansas Democrat, a Little Rock newspaper.

"A widespread vote evidenced his popularity," the Democrat front-page story said.

Phelps came to Ouachita in 1953 at the age of 32. Under his direction, the college has increased from 489 regular students enroled in 1953 to a record-breaking 1,149 regular students during the first semester of this year. Ouachita now enrolls more than any of the seven church-related schools in Arkansas.

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Shreveport Church
To Accept Bequest

(1-28-61)

SHREVEPORT, La.--(BP)--First Baptist Church here will accept its share of \$1,786,143 left to it and the First Methodist Church provided the two churches retain racially-segregated worship services.

The money was one-third of the amount in the estate of the late S. D. Hunter, newspaper accounts said. Hunter died last May 16. The will permits the money to be used, however, for all-Negro institutions.

The exact share of the money which will become possession of First Baptist Church was not indicated.

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R. E. Milam Takes New
Post In Northwest Area

(1-28-61)

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BP)--R. E. Milam, feeling the "concern for capital needs" of the Oregon-Washington area, has resigned as executive secretary of that state convention.

He will remain on the staff of the convention here as secretary of capital needs.

A committee of nine members of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington will seek a new executive secretary to succeed Milam. He planned to change positions Mar. 1.

The change resulted from an assignment by the state executive board. Milam was asked to help churches in the two-state area solve their building loan problems.

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The demands of this phase of the work of the executive secretary grew to great dimensions.

In his new office of secretary of capital needs, Milam will work closely with churches and convention agencies needing assistance in capital needs. He will develop contacts necessary to obtain capital need assistance for this area from both inside and outside the state convention.

He will also develop the assets of the Northwest Baptist Foundation and of Church Builders, Inc., under counsel of their directors. The corporation is a non-profit one which has made it possible for many churches to secure needed money for building.

Milam asked the executive board of the state Baptist body to reassign him to the new post. The board said it felt Milam is "uniquely prepared and abundantly endowed to do this work."

At the present, his major responsibility will be enlarging the church builders' plan.

After Mar. 1, Roland P. Hood will be acting executive secretary. Hood will assume this in addition to his present duties as secretary of missions and stewardship.

Because of a vacancy in the Sunday school department, the state board asked Bob Dove, Training Union secretary, to take staff responsibility for both Sunday school and Training Union promotion.